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Hundreds of millions of people will be switching off their lights on Saturday, but is the mostly symbolic gesture just a waste of time?

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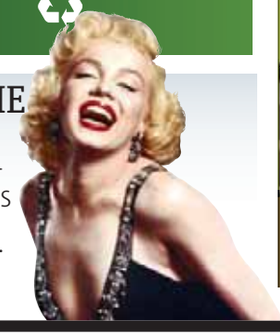

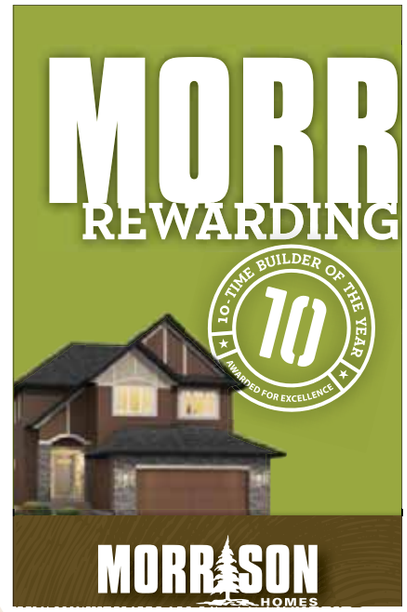

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An estimated 45 cars were damaged in a chain-reaction pileup on the QE2 Highway Thursday, sending 120 people to hospital with various injuries. Story, page 2.

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CBE plans staff raises despite funding freeze

Tough times. School boards have lamented lack of student-grant increases

Calgary public school trustees voted in private to press ahead with a raise package of up to $1.5 million this week, even in the face of a tough provincial budget that could see classroom resources cut, Metro has learned.

But Calgary Board of Education officials would only suggest Thursday that performance-based pay bumps for exempt staff — employees without a representing union — were initially approved last May as part of the 2012-13 budget.

CBE spokesperson Richard Peter and trustee vice-chair Lynn Ferguson also confirmed a second approval was needed from the board on the maximum amount allotted for raises for roughly 220 staff. However, neither would specify when that would happen or whether it already had.

But multiple sources told Metro that second approval was granted in a 5-2 vote Tuesday night. It was also specified that the raise package will cover the first eight months of 2013 and, if the maximum amount was used, would see a roughly $10,200 hike per staff member when carried forward annually.

Peter confirmed top superintendents would be included in the exempt-staff category but said it would also involve staff members in other areas, including himself, human-resource workers and engineers.

"Before any of this money is allocated, we are looking at this and every other item in our budget to determine what we need to do to balance the budget for 2013-14," Peter said, adding initial calculations suggested roughly 75 per cent of the maximum would be used.

Word of the raises prompted a concerned response from Kim Capstick, press secretary for Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson.

Alberta Education has frozen salaries for all management and opted-out employees and negotiated the same terms for teachers in a tentative deal currently before school boards and local instructor representatives.

"We think that's a prudent approach," Capstick said of the freezes. "With the expectation we have of school boards to reduce their administrative spending by 10 per cent, we think that it would be prudent for them to be looking at those kind of measures as well."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

An estimated 100 cars and trucks were strewn across both side of the road in a massive chain-reaction crash on the Queen Elizabeth II highway south of Edmonton. Dozens of people were hurt. DEREK FILDEBRANDT/CTF/CONTRIBUTED

Dozens injured in massive QE2 pileup

Snowstorm. More than 100 vehicles involved, 45 damaged in collision

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Dozens of people were hurt on Thursday morning in a massive crash involving more than 100 vehicles south of Edmonton on Highway 2.

Around 11:30 a.m. RCMP responded to a multiple-vehicle collision northbound on Highway 2, near Leduc. The initial crash caused several other collisions and in total more than 100 vehicles were involved and 45 sustained damage, say police.

While Alberta Health Services (AHS) initially reported that 300 people were en route to hospitals in Edmonton and area as a result of the pileup, by 4:30 p.m. the number of injured had been updated to around 100 people.

One person was transported to the University of Alberta Hospital in serious condition and 21 others were taken to hospital in moderate or minor condition by EMS from Wetaskiwin and area.

About 80 other people with minor injuries were treated at the scene, according to AHS.

Edmonton Transit provided buses to shelter and evacuate injured patients from the scene and Edmonton Police Service officers escorted the buses.

A bus was also used to transport people without injuries to Wetaskiwin.

Quoted

"We haven't dealt with anything like this, but we do have plans." Kerry Williamson, spokesperson for AHS

Following the crash, Kerry Williamson, spokesperson for AHS, said several hospitals in the Edmonton zone were ready to treat the injured patients.

"There's probably about 10 different hospitals, maybe more that we're utilizing," he said.

Williamson said the massive collision initially spurred a code orange, meaning a mass casualty mode, at local hospitals.

Photos posted to Twitter by people stuck at the scene showed dozens of cars, trucks and semis in ditches and on the highway.

One Twitter user called the scene on Highway 2 "utter carnage."

Federal budget

Nenshi on infrastructure funds: 'It's a start'

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the federal budget released Thursday contains numerous nuggets of good news for cities, but more is still needed to properly fund municipal infrastructure.

Nenshi applauded federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's decision to extend the Building Canada Fund as well as index gas-tax transfers to municipalities to account for inflation.

"We're very, very pleased about the indexing of the gas-tax fund," he said. "That gas-tax fund has gone to building important projects in the city."

Those projects include four-car C-Train platforms, station refurbishments, and bus purchases for Calgary Transit, he noted.

Nenshi estimated the gas-tax indexing will mean $300 million more for Calgary over the next 20 years.

"Now, is it enough? No," he said. "Is it really going to make a huge cut into our long infrastructure deficit — all of our unfunded infrastructure? It's a start."

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities estimates the gas-tax indexing will mean $9 billion more for cities and towns over the next 20 years.

"Today's budget delivers significant gains for Canada's cities and communities," said FCM president Karen Leibovici in a statement. "We applaud the government for choosing to continue moving our communities forward even as it meets its immediate fiscal challenges."

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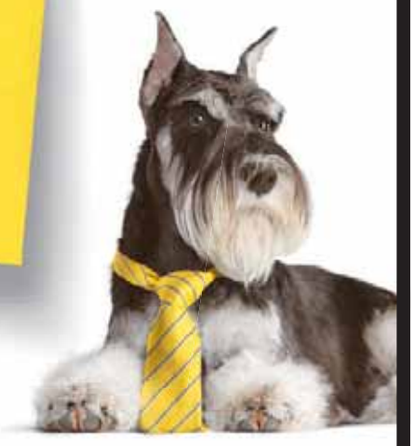

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The construction of Calgary's Peace Bridge was plagued by delays and cost overruns, but the unique structure, designed by world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, finally opened on March 24, 2012. CYNTHIA BIGRIGG/FOR METRO

Peace Bridge still talk of the town

First anniversary. $24.5-million bridge continues to draw praise and dismissal

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Love it or hate it, you've probably talked about Calgary's Peace Bridge sometime in the past year.

Sunday will mark the first anniversary of the official opening of the structure, which has divided Calgarians but almost universally grabbed their attention.

In the process, the $24.5-million span, which stretches 130 metres across the Bow River without actually touching the water, has also attracted interest from across Canada and around the world.

According to Gord Price, a six-term Vancouver city councillor and current director of The City Program at Simon Fraser University, the bridge's "great achievement was to integrate art and infrastructure" in a city previously known for more utilitarian — and inexpensive — design.

"You don't expect Calgary to make that type of investment," he said.

That fact helped "raise the profile" of the project outside of Calgary, said longtime Peace Bridge proponent Ald. Druh Farrell, as did the "fundamental debate" surrounding the public structure and the broader role of civic government.

Outside opinion

"I've got to say, A-plus to Calgary for having the guts to do it."

Gord Price, six-term Vancouver city councillor and director of The City Program at Simon Fraser University

City counts last May pegged daily traffic on the bridge at 6,000 users, exceeding initial expectations of 5,000 people a day. A new count is scheduled for this May.

Ald. Brian Pincott said what surprised him most in the past year is that the bridge has become more than simply a way to cross the river; it's also a gathering place.

"It's a public space where people go to share," he said. "So it's not just a bridge, and that's really, really cool."

But Bill Longstaff, a local author, blogger and self-described supporter of pedestrian traffic, disagrees with the argument that the bridge helped elevate Calgary's status as an international city.

"We hear that all the time — that this will make us a great city," he said. "But I think when you're obsessed with that, you're probably not a great city. A great city doesn't have to constantly prove itself."

Peace Bridge perspectives

- **Derek Fildebrandt, Alta. director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation:** "The Peace Bridge is loved by some, detested by others, and considered a laughingstock of financial mismanagement by many more."
- **Christopher Hume, Toronto Star urban affairs reporter:** "Local anger notwithstanding, Calatrava's beautiful bridge brought Calgary to the attention of many who'd never heard of it, let alone visited."
- **City-planning head Rollin Stanley, originally from the U.S.:** "Design gets you noticed. The only time I ever read about Calgary in The Wall Street Journal was about the oilsands and when the Calatrava bridge was done."

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Hundreds packed into MacEwan Centre at the University of Calgary for a budget town hall Thursday afternoon. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

U of C may seek broader tuition hikes in the future

Regional impact. Officials with city's largest university warn of funding cut's economic implications

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Officials with Calgary's biggest university will return to the province seeking tuition hikes for some programs far beyond the legislated maximum in the years ahead.

That was one of numerous initiatives put forward by top officials with the University of Calgary during a budget town hall Thursday that aimed to generate ideas to overcome an initial $41-million funding gap created by a cut to provincial post-secondary funding.

The university was hesitant to specify how many programs — or students — could be impacted, but said the move would only apply to programs charging less to students than the Canadian national average.

"Some of them are clear outliers, just given some of initial data that we have looked at," said U of C president Dr. Elizabeth Cannon after the town hall.

As an example, vice-president, academic, and provost Dru Marshall said the institution's undergraduate engineering program currently charges students 27.5 per cent less the national standard.

But Cannon confirmed no drastic tuition hikes would come in time for school this fall. Students will, however, already pay an additional 2.15 per cent — the maximum allowed by the province.

Other revenue-generating and cost-saving ideas outlined to roughly 500 people gathered for the town hall included bulk-buying supplies with other institutions, increasing parking rates and fine-tuning international recruitment strategies.

Drain

$210M

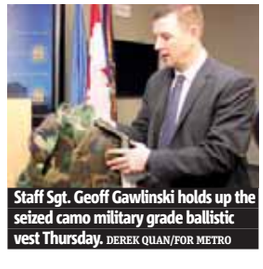
University of Calgary officials estimate the cuts to post-secondary funding at their institution alone will drain $210 million from Calgary's regional economy, given that they may be forced to scale back in research and other areas.

Crime. Police seize guns, body armour

The Calgary Police Services have charged a local man after a two-week targeted operation, in which drugs, guns and body armour were seized.

On March 19, members of the District Operations Team executed four search warrants, which included a home in the 0-100 block of Applebrook Circle, S.E., as well as three vehicles: A 2006 Hummer, a Chevrolet Impala and a Freightliner truck.

Between the home and three vehicles, investigators found cocaine, MDMA, unknown pills, drug packaging, $1,500 cash, a nine-millimetre replica handgun, bear spray and a military-grade ballistic vest.



Staff Sgt. Geoff Gawlinski holds up the seized camo military grade ballistic vest Thursday. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

"The items that were seized from that were in the front cab part, not from the trailer," said Staff Sgt. Geoff Gawlinski of District 4. "He was just using that as an area to stash some of his product."

Police believe the case to be non-gang-related and not linked to organized crime.

"This appeared from our investigation as a standalone drug operation," said Gawlinski.

According to Gawlinski, the investigation began on a tip from the public.

"People coming and going at odd hours, not staying for a long time and a variety of different people," Gawlinski said. "Those general types of behaviour that get people to call us."

Kiai Muciiri, 29, of Calgary is charged with eight drug- and weapons-related offenses. He also faces a charge of unlawfully possessing body armour.

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Judi Vandenbrink holds up one of several solar lights that will be used to spell "Calgary" at the Bridgeland/Riverside Community Centre during Earth Hour on Saturday night. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Hoping Earth Hour won't go up in Flames

Dimming the lights. Calgary Flames won't be on the ice Saturday, leading advocates to hope for better results

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Unlike many years past, the Calgary Flames won't be in the spotlight during Earth Hour, leaving advocates hopeful that the city can reduce its energy consumption.

The global initiative, in which hundreds of millions of people turn off their lights for one hour, has had less than stellar results in Calgary when it comes to energy reduction, and many people have cited the Flames games as a partial reason.

"I'd say that there's a good chance that people will participate if they're not at a Flames game or at home with their TVs on watching the Flames game," said Stephanie Jackman, founder of REAP (Respect for the Earth and All People) Business Association.

But Judi Vandenbrink, a fellow advocate and the executive director of EcoLiving Events, said she doesn't buy the hockey game as an excuse for not taking part.

"There are ways to participate and watch the game," she said, adding that only time will tell if the Flames' night off will make a difference.

EcoLiving is hosting an Earth Hour event at the Bridgeland/Riverside Community Centre on Saturday, starting at 8 p.m. Earth Hour takes place between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

MORE ON EARTH HOUR, PAGE 34

Wait, we used more energy?

3.6%

In 2008, Calgary's energy demand rose by 3.6 per cent during Earth Hour. Minimal changes have been noted in the subsequent years during that hour.

Third-highest bids ever

Chuckwagon tarp auction rakes in $3.6M

It appears the economy in Calgary is indeed in good shape. That, according to numbers from the annual Calgary Stampede chuckwagon tarp auction on Thursday night.

More than 150 bidders looking to put their company names on the canvas covering the chucks dropped $3.6 million on 36 drivers.

Kelly (The King) Sutherland drew the largest bid, coming in at $200,000 from Tervita Corporation, and driver Colt Cosgrave's chuck drew $170,000.

The average bid was $100,139. The event is typically seen as a barometer of Calgary's economy. METRO

Physician fees. Alberta doctors gird for PR war with province

The province's doctors are being told to prepare for a lengthy battle with the government, as their representative body digs in for a protracted public-relations war over physician contracts.

"You are likely to observe a veritable firestorm of back-and-forth commentary from the Alberta Medical Association and government in the weeks ahead," AMA president Dr. Michael Giuffre wrote on Thursday in a letter to members.

Giuffre said he will reveal more details of the AMA's plan on Friday, which marks the deadline set by Health Minister Fred Horne for doctors to come back to him with a new proposal for physician compensation.

If the AMA fails to respond, Horne has not ruled out unilaterally imposing a fee schedule on doctors.

"As you can see, we are not playing a 48-hour game," Giuffre added. "This is for the long haul and I fear we have real struggles ahead."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Fighting words

"I assure you that the AMA will oppose any imposition by the minister."

Dr. Michael Giuffre, president of the Alberta Medical Association, on Health Minister Fred Horne's suggestion that he might impose new salaries on doctors

Provincial school-board group offers no verdict on teacher deal

Mixed support. School board support and opposition to proposed contract trickles in

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The Alberta School Boards' Association is encouraging its members to make up their own minds about the latest proposed contract for 35,000 teachers in the province.

And, on Thursday, that's exactly what the Calgary Catholic School District did, advocating that while not perfect, the deal is something they could move forward with.

"There are some unknowns. We have acknowledged that and the minister has acknowledged that as well," said trustee chair Mary Martin. "The ultimate financial implications remain to be seen, but given the conversations we have had, we do believe we can make this work and we can make it a good deal for students."

The Catholic board's decision came in the face of opposition from the Calgary Board of Education, which on Wednesday deemed the contract "not good" for students.

Edmonton's public board, the second largest in the province behind only the CBE, also voiced opposition to the deal, but their Catholic counterparts voted in favour.

It appears each of Alberta's 62 boards will render a verdict on the contract, which contains a three-year salary-grid freeze as well as a cap on instructional hours and a committee that would allow teachers to seek a third opinion when they disagreed on directions provided by principals and superintendents.

ASBA president Jacquie Hansen told reporters Thursday her group would neither endorse nor dispute the proposed deal.

The association did offer endorsement to a contract unanimously voted down by Alberta Teachers' Association executives in February.

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Quoted

"This motion speaks to our association's fundamental belief in local decision-making — individual school boards are in the best position to assess this framework deal." Alberta School Boards Association president Jacquie Hansen

Calgary Catholic School District trustee chair Mary Martin addresses reporters Thursday, offering support for a provincial teacher contract. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

Calgary filmmakers garner attention for superhero web series

This screenshot is from the Protector Chronicles, a web series created by Calgary filmmakers Spencer Estabrooks and Mitch Barany. The first episode has accumulated more than 300,000 views. YOUTUBE.COM

One episode in, and two Calgary filmmakers have already garnered more than 300,000 views of the superhero-themed web series they've created.

Spencer Estabrooks and Mitch Barany were looking to a fun side project away from their day jobs in the film industry when the idea of the Protector Chronicles, featuring the eponymous Knight Protector, was born.

"We both had ideas for this superhero — a non-hero hero," said Estabrooks.

"I think his greatest superpower is his imagination and what he believes himself capable of."

The three-part episode, released in late February, uses the Calgary cityscape as a background to tell the story of "an out of work, overweight, underemployed superhero living in his mother's basement versus a dimension-shifting motivational speaker" according to Estabrooks.

In the few weeks since the first episode was posted, the series has been chosen as an Official Selection for the 2013 Hollyweb Festival, which will be held in Hollywood on April 5.

Day jobs

- **Spencer Estabrooks** does archival work for Warner Bros. and Cartoon Network.
- **Mitch Barany** is an animator for the National Film Board of Canada.

The pair will also be featured at the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo on April 27.

Estabrooks said more episodes are planned for their YouTube channel (TheKnightProtector), adding that they're applying for funding to keep the series going.

Without revealing the plot, Estabrooks said they're planning for an "epic battle" between the characters.

"We really just wanted to have fun, and make something that people would enjoy watching." KATIE TURNER/METRO

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Health care. Pharmacists march to legislature in protest of budget cuts

Hundreds of pharmacists from across the province rallied at the legislature on Thursday to protest budget cuts they say will drastically affect Alberta's pharmacies.

The snowy demonstration saw protesters march from Corona LRT station to the legislature while waving placards and chanting, "Pharmacists care, no matter where."

At the legislature, speeches delivered by the protesters asked the government to respect their profession and examine how recent budget cuts will impact patient care.

"The health of all Albertans will be impacted," said Aileen Jang, a protest organizer who owns two pharmacies in Edmonton.

"The cutbacks will affect the sustainability of pharmacies, which will then jeopardize the care of all Albertans."

Liberal MLA David Swann spoke at the rally and told the hordes of pharmacists that he supported them.

"This is a very poor process that is imposed, both the price of drugs and the price of your fees. That cannot be allowed to continue," he told the crowd.

Pharmacist and pharmacy owner Rita Lyster closed her store in Barrhead on Thursday to travel to Edmonton for the rally. Lyster said the changes the government is imposing will directly impact her customers.

Pharmacists from across Alberta protest at the legislature on Thursday. ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

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KENSINGTON NEEDS TO GET WITH THE TIMES

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Missing out

There's a whole new generation of consumers who are constantly looking for ways to support local businesses and initiatives. Kensington must take advantage of that, or else we'll continue to lag behind.

Last year, when I moved to Kensington, I thought I was moving into the coolest neighbourhood in the city.

I pictured my friends and family flocking to my home, just so we could hang out and be among trendy Calgarians doing whatever it is that trendy Calgarians do. But as it turns out, people don't want to come to Kensington as often as I thought they would. And, to be truthful, I don't blame them.

I'll admit i:, I'm frustrated with the part of the city I call home. I'm annoyed because there are actually lots of great things about Kensington. Restaurants like Muse, Kensington Pub and Lido's Café have kept me happily fed for months, The Plaza still has a great selection of movies at a fraction of the cost of the "big guys," and with patio season right around the corner, Molly Malone's and Original Joe's have almost every pub in the city beat. Yet none of that matters if people aren't coming.

I get it. Over the past couple of years, Kensington has screwed up. I suspect that needlessly evicting Market Collective is something that will continue to hurt the area for years to come. Same goes for their decision not to allow food trucks to set up temporary shop. The meals-on-wheels phenomenon generates foot traffic unlike anything else in this city, yet they've been voted out of Kensington.

It's definitely a missed opportunity. The East Village has used the trucks to draw thousands of Calgarians to the area even though there is almost literally nothing else there. Downtown Calgary has also welcomed the trucks with open arms. The Kensington BRZ seems to making decisions based on the opinion of a select few and not the people who actually love living here.

I understand why local businesses in the area might be scared. But trust me when I say that things like food trucks and Market Collective will bring much-needed foot traffic to the area. I know it might not be the traditional business you're used to, but Calgarians have changed.

There's a whole new generation of consumers who are constantly looking for ways to support local businesses and initiatives. Kensington must take advantage of that, or else we'll continue to lag behind resurgent neighborhoods like 17th Avenue and Mission.

As someone who loves this neighbourhood and has no intention of leaving, I believe Kensington has the ability to come back and compete. Begin with advertising the ample underground parking available beside Julio's Barrio. Next, try giving the food trucks a three-month trial period and apologetically make room for Market Collective. Later in the year, why not take over the long-abandoned Santa Claus parade and make it our own?

Those goodwill gestures will bring people back to Kensington, hopefully with their wallets full of money.

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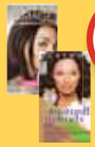

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Second in Alberta. Rural school board approves LGBT student policy

A second school board in Alberta has approved a policy that would see enhanced support and protection for students who identify as LGBT.

On Wednesday, Canadian Rockies Public Schools gave the green light to an initiative that's been in the works for more than a year.

Esmé Comfort, vice-chair of the board, brought forward the idea in November 2011, following a similar move by the Edmonton Public School Board.

"I certainly know, when I was a teenager, I saw people suffer bullying and name-calling," she said.

"I think by having this kind of AP (administrative procedure), it means we then have to walk the talk."

Comfort said as far as she know, Canadian Rockies Public Schools is the first rural board in Western Canada to approve such a policy.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Heist

Man arrested, charged in Calgary bank robbery

Collaboration between Calgary and Edmonton Police Services has resulted in charges against a man who is believed to be linked to a bank robbery that occurred on March 20.

The man is alleged to have entered a CIBC bank in the 5600 block of 4th Street N.W. and fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money.

Clinton Peter Biever, 41, of Edmonton, has been charged with two counts of robbery and several weapons-related offences.

Biever will appear in court in Calgary on March 26. METRO

Interactive game teaches kids about household toxins

houseofhorrors.ca. Children learn about possible dangers in the home by using website

Some Calgary students will be able to surf their way to information about common household poisons, thanks to a collaborative effort on the part of provincial health agencies.

Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) and Alberta Health Services have teamed on an interactive course at Mayland Heights Elementary School, where students use the website houseofhorrors.ca to learn in an interactive way about household toxins they should know about, such as oven cleaner, bleach, antifreeze and gasoline.

Quoted

"The idea was to use an interactive game that children could use to identify things within the home that are potentially poisonous."

Dr. Mark Yarema, medical director of PADIS

Mayland Heights Elementary School students Osman Kurtulan, left, and Zachary Gaucher, both 8, use an iPad to learn about poisons at houseofhorrors.ca. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

"The idea behind this project is that it's poison prevention week throughout North America and the idea is to raise awareness of poisonings," said Dr. Mark Yarema, medical director of PADIS.

"The idea was to use an interactive game that children could use to identify things within the home that are potentially poisonous."

Yarema also cautioned that parents should keep an eye on their children's activities.

"When kids hit the age of two or three, they start to walk and imitate their parents and they can start reaching up and grabbing things, so the emphasis is to keep these things out of reach and out of sight."

Students have found the interactive game to be interesting and enjoyable.

"We're finding this fun," said student Osman Kurtulan.

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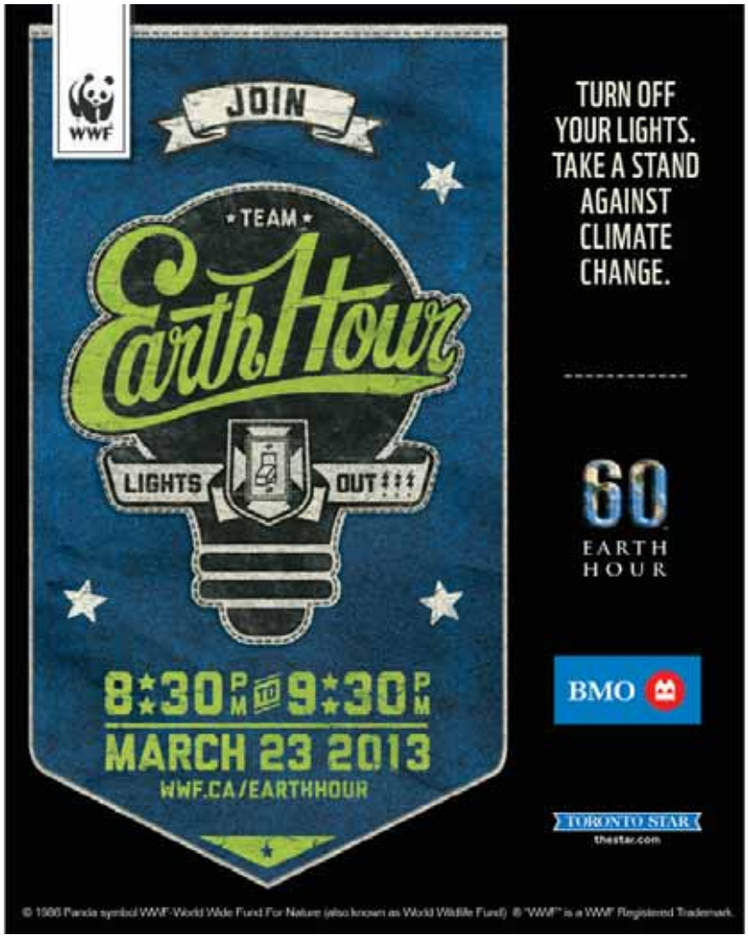

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More reasons to love Calgary

MoneySense magazine ranked Calgary No. 1 on its recent survey of the best Canadian cities to live in, based on such criteria as commuting, housing, weather, crime and wealth, among others. We've rustled up five more reasons why Calgary's a pretty great city to call home.

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Calgary Stampede

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Caesars and ginger beef

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Maybe together? Maybe not. Either way, you'd have a tough time finding any longtime Calgarian who hasn't had at least one — or both — of those tasty homegrown treats. Yes, that's right — the birthplace of both is right here in Calgary.

Homeless plan

At the halfway point of the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness, this city has seen no growth in the number of homeless people, compared with previous jumps of 10 to 15 per cent per year. It's this city's example of how you can not only be an economic powerhouse, but have a social conscious as well. But there's work left to do.

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While other cities have tried to push their leaders out of office (ahem, Toronto), Calgary's mayor is beloved by the citizenry, so it seems, and he's ready to make his push for a second term.

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Another strange twist in Quebec chopper jailbreak

Identity crisis. One of the four people arrested gave police a fake name; his real identity has yet to be confirmed

The people accused of orchestrating this week's stunning jailbreak by helicopter appear to have had yet another surprise up their sleeve.

As it turns out, one of the suspects isn't who he says he is.

Authorities say one of the four people arrested gave them a fake name and, after having checked his fingerprints, they're now working to confirm his real identity.

The man, who identified himself as Yage Beaudoin, is accused of being one of two people who hijacked a helicopter and helped a pair of inmates escape last weekend near Montreal.

He allegedly tried to dupe authorities one more time.

Quebec provincial police say the suspect told them during fingerprinting that the name he'd given them was fake, and that he gave them a second one which they're now in the process of checking.

The dramatic prison escape of Benjamin Hudon-Barbeau and Danny Provencal has already made headlines around the world.

Two accomplices, including the now-unidentified one, allegedly rented a helicopter, pointed a gun at the young pilot and forced him to land on a tower at St-Jerome prison.

From there, they tossed a rope out the window, and the two inmates came climbing up from the yard and toward dreams of freedom.

However, that freedom was short-lived. All four men were arrested within hours and they now face nearly two-dozen criminal charges — including breaking out of prison, kidnapping and pointing a gun at someone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Helicopter hijacking

"They took out a gun and said, 'You're going to St-Jerome prison.'"

Yves Le Roux, the owner of Passport Helico, where pilot and hijacking victim Sebastien Foray works.

He's not down with getting arrested

Police needed to call the fire department to help bring a suspected car thief down from his hiding spot on the roof of a two-and-a-half-storey building in Winnipeg Thursday morning. The 30-year-old man—wearing only a basketball jersey in the frigid -31 C temperatures—remained on the roof for nearly an hour, smoking cigarettes and talking to the cops who surrounded the house, before finally coming down in a bucket, peacefully. The man and a 29-year-old woman are facing motor vehicle theft charges. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

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Budget bets on status quo

Federal finance plan. Blueprint adds no new money while largely reshuffling expenses

When Jim Flaherty was a young man, they called it a brake stand — one foot on the gas and one on the brake, creating lots of noise and plumes of blue smoke but moving the vehicle sideways if at all.

Stephen Harper's finance minister is banking that all the torque in his eighth federal budget, delivered Thursday, will propel the Canadian economy forward in a burst sometime next year.

It's all geared to a fall 2015 election date, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper hopes to woo Canadian voters with the first balanced federal budget since 2008.

In the meantime, Flaherty's foot remains firmly on the spending brake in a 2013-14 fiscal blueprint that shuffles priorities, re-allocates resources and cracks down on tax cheats but adds no new money while continuing dramatic cuts to direct program expenses.

The deficit for the current fiscal year that ends in two weeks is projected to be $25.9 billion — exactly as forecast in the fall fiscal update but up significantly from the $21.1 billion posited by Flaherty in last March's budget.

Part of that bump comes from a one-time, $2.4-billion increase in Ottawa's nuclear-cleanup liability.

Total spending, including debt-servicing charges, will rise to $282.6 billion this year, up less than one per cent on the 2012-13 spending envelope of $280.1 billion. That's effectively a cut after inflation and population growth are factored in.

More significantly, direct program expenses — which exclude major transfers to other levels of government — are projected to plunge almost $4 billion this year and another $2.5 billion in 2014-15. The exact nature of those program cuts remains something of a mystery.

"It's very much a status quo budget," said economist Derek Burleton of TD Bank. "Reallocation is a key theme."

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Flaherty's mission

Canadians have faith "that their government will be a benign and silent partner in their enterprise, not an overbearing behemoth squeezing them at every turn."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to the House of Commons in his budget speech.

Deficit

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Assumptions

While the budget is deeply conservative, many of its assumptions are not:

- **Fighting tax loopholes and cheats** will rake in half a billion dollars this year and rise to $1.3 billion the next.
- **GST revenues**, up 1.8 per cent in 2012-13, will grow 4.9 per cent a year.
- **Corporate tax revenue** will jump by 5.5 per cent a year, on average.

5 things to know about the budget

1

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The key feature is the Canada Job Grant. According to the budget, the grant "could provide $15,000 or more per person" for short-term training. Only $5,000 would be contributed by the federal government, with matching contributions coming from provinces and employers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2

The outside world under one tent

The Canadian International Development Agency, which performs aid work in developing countries, will be swallowed up by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The new entity will be called the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. The government says it "will continue to serve the same functions as the old departments." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CIDA, with the Canadian Red Cross, provided these winterized tents to earthquake-hit Turkey in 2011.

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3

Billions to back building boom

The Conservative government is devoting $14 billion over a decade by renewing a deal that helps cities invest in infrastructure.

"Infrastructure creates jobs, supports trade and fuels economic growth," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said.

The new Building Canada Fund will replace a seven-year deal set to expire next year and give provincial and municipal governments time to plan and to figure out how to match the funding.

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Can't afford to stay active AND clothe your baby? Feds have you covered

The federal government is cutting tariffs on baby clothing and athletic equipment in hopes the price breaks trickle down to consumers.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the $76-million cut in reaction to ongoing discrepancies between Canada and the U.S. "Some products consistently cost more in Canada compared to the exact same products sold in the United States," the budget said.

The tariff cut applies to baby clothing and sports and athletic equipment, such as ice skates, hockey equipment, skis, snowboards and golf clubs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Call it the "judge-it" budget

Political opponents were not kind to the plan.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair called it a "shell-game con job," and Green Party Leader Elizabeth May dubbed it the "fudge-it budget."

"The propaganda machine is going to be working overtime, because they've repackaged and put together some old programs and given them new names," groused Bob Rae, the interim Liberal leader.

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

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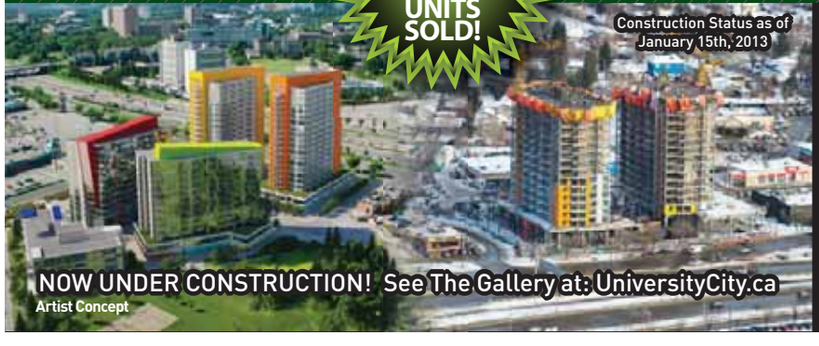

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TVO. Public broadcaster under fire for game that shows pipeline-bombing

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne says she'll be looking into an online game promoted by a taxpayer-funded broadcaster that shows the bombing of a gas pipeline.

A blog post supporting the game appeared on the website of the provincially funded broadcaster TV Ontario.

The TVO website also provides a link to the game, called Pipe Trouble, and offers a free trial.

But questions have been raised about the game's introductory video, which appears to show activists protesting before a pipeline blows up.

The TVO blog describes Pipe Trouble as a "companion ethical game" to a documentary that deals with local opposition to pipelines and the bombing of pipelines in Peace River, B.C.

TVO says the game uses "over-the-top satire to cleverly explore the two sides of the energy extraction debate."

Wynne said Thursday she would like more information from TVO about the game and has asked the minister of education to obtain it.

Wynne said she knew nothing about the game.

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'Somewhat disturbing'

"It sounds somewhat disturbing to me on the face of it. So I'm going to ask the minister of education to have that conversation about TVO because I think there does need to be a question asked about that," said Ontario's premier.

- Players can buy the game for $1.99, with a portion of the proceeds going to the David Suzuki Foundation.
- Tory MPP Vic Fedeli said it's not appropriate for TVO to be promoting a game that makes money for another organization.

Greenpeace on Jerusalem's Bridge of Strings

An Ultra Orthodox Jewish youth looks at Greenpeace activists as they place a large banner on a famous bridge at the western entrance to Jerusalem on Thursday. Greenpeace activists protested against exploratory Arctic drilling during U.S. President Barack Obama's visit to the region. It is Obama's first official visit to Israel since being elected four years ago.

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Anonymous

Editor denies aiding hackers

A Reuters social media editor accused of conspiring with hackers to deface a Los Angeles Times story has posted a statement on Facebook saying he did not commit the crime.

Prosecutors say 26-year-old Matthew Keys provided the hacking group Anonymous with login info to access the computer system of The Tribune Co., the Times' parent company. According to the indictment, a hacker altered a Times article.

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South Korea

Attack traced to Chinese IP address

Investigators have traced a co-ordinated cyberattack that paralyzed tens of thousands of computers at six South Korean banks and media companies to a Chinese Internet Protocol address. But it's still unclear who orchestrated the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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China. Missing tycoon in custody: Newspaper

A Chinese tycoon with ties to mining companies in the U.S., Australia and Africa is missing and a newspaper says he has been detained by police.

Sichuan Jinlu Group said Thursday it is looking for its chairman, Liu Han, and has been unable to contact him. The newspaper Shanghai Securities News said Liu was detained by Beijing police in mid-March while on a business trip to the Chinese capital but gave no indication why he might have been picked up. Chinese police regularly detain people for lengthy questioning without charge or public notice.

148th richest

Liu was No. 148 last year on Forbes magazine's list of the richest Chinese businesspeople, with a fortune estimated at $855 million.

A search for Liu's name on China's most popular microblog service, Sina Weibo, returned the notice, "according to relevant laws and regulations, the results for 'Liu Han' are not displayed" — a possible sign authorities were trying to suppress discussion of his disappearance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Boat carrying 128 capsizes

An official says a search continues after a boat carrying 128 people capsized off the coast of Nigeria last week.

The head of the Cross River State Emergency Management Agency, Vincent Acquah, said Thursday that rescuers have found nine female bodies off the coast of the city of Calabar, with 90 passengers still missing. He said there were also men and children aboard.

Acquah said the number of survivors rose to 29 Wednesday after 27 people were found further south, near Oran. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deadly riots erupt over ethnic tensions

Myanmar. At least five dead, mosque burned in Buddhist majority city of Meikhtila

At least five people died and a mosque was burned in two days of rioting in a central Myanmar town, in the latest challenge for the government in keeping the peace while making the transition from strong-arm military rule to pluralist democracy.

State-controlled media Thursday night broke their silence on the violence in Meikhtila, with government television announcing that five people had been killed and 39 injured in rioting that was triggered by an argument between a Muslim gold shop owner and his Buddhist customers.

Occasional isolated violence involving Myanmar's majority Buddhist and minority Muslim communities has occurred for decades. But the risk of spreading violence was underlined last year by clashes in the western state of Rakhine between ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Muslim Rohingya that left about 200 people dead and more than 100,000 homeless.

There was fear the number of dead in Meikhtila would rise because the violence — the country's worst since the clashes in Rakhine state — was continuing.

As nightfall approached Thursday, the situation remained tense, although a curfew was apparently put in force for a second night.

Several Muslim-owned shops and at least one mosque were burned Wednesday. Showing sensitivity to the threat of further inflaming feelings, state television said one "religious building" was destroyed along with a township education office, some shops and some vehicles.

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Smoke and flames billow from a burning building set ablaze in Meikhtila, where ethnic unrest between Buddhists and Muslims continues, in Myanmar, Thursday. At least five people have died and a mosque has been burned in two days of rioting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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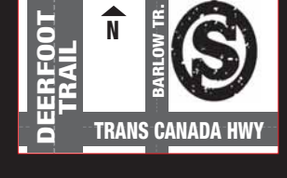

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Man who killed cop 'wasn't operating in our world': Lawyer

Distressed. Richard Kachkar's attorney says his client had shown signs of a major mental disorder for years

A barefoot man who killed a police officer with a stolen snowplow in Toronto after a bizarre rampage through the streets two years ago had clearly lost his grip on reality, his first-degree murder trial heard Thursday.

In closing submissions, defence lawyer Bob Richardson said Richard Kachkar could not be held criminally responsible given his delusional state.

"He lacked capacity to form criminal intent," Richardson told the jury.

"He wasn't operating in our world."

Richard Kachkar
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Dressed in light dress pants and shirt under a dark blazer, Kachkar, 44, listened impassively as his lawyer reprised the evidence of three psychiatrists, who concluded he was psychotic when he struck and left a dying Sgt. Ryan Russell, 35, bleeding in the snow.

Richardson reminded jurors how a shoeless Kachkar had bolted from a downtown shelter out into the snow on the early morning of Jan. 12, 2011.

"Whatever slim hold Mr. Kachkar may have had on reality, slips away," Richardson said.

Kachkar went into and then fled a nearby doughnut shop, jumping into the idling snowplow. He drove erratically through the streets, making frequent U-turns, hitting cars and yelling about Chinese technology, the Taliban and microchips in his body.

Richardson quoted Kachkar at another point as saying: "I don't know what happened. It was like a dream or something. A normal person wouldn't do that. I don't know what's going on."

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Drumming and discontent

Nikki Shawana and her two-year-old son Miikaanhn sing during a round dance protest, part of the Idle No More movement, that blocked an intersection in downtown London, Ont., for about an hour on Thursday.

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Northern Manitoba

Details of wolf attack questioned

The bizarre account of a wolf attack on a woman along a lonely stretch of a northern Manitoba highway is being questioned by some wildlife experts.

Dawn Hepp told news media this week that a wolf clamped its jaws around her neck after she stopped to help another motorist on Highway 6 on March 8.

Ken Rebizant with Manitoba Conservation says wolves tend to avoid people, and the department is asking experts outside the province what they make of the story.

Hepp said the wolf let go and she managed to get back to her vehicle and go for medical help

Paul Paquet, a University of Calgary biology professor and author of a best-selling book on wolves, says something happened but he has doubts about the details of the attack. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Testifying

PM's aide appears at Magnotta hearing

A senior confidante to Prime Minister Stephen Harper testified Thursday at the preliminary hearing in Montreal of a gruesome killing-and-dismemberment case. Jenni Byrne has held various high-ranking roles under the Harper Tories and is now the director of political operations for the Conservative Party of Canada.

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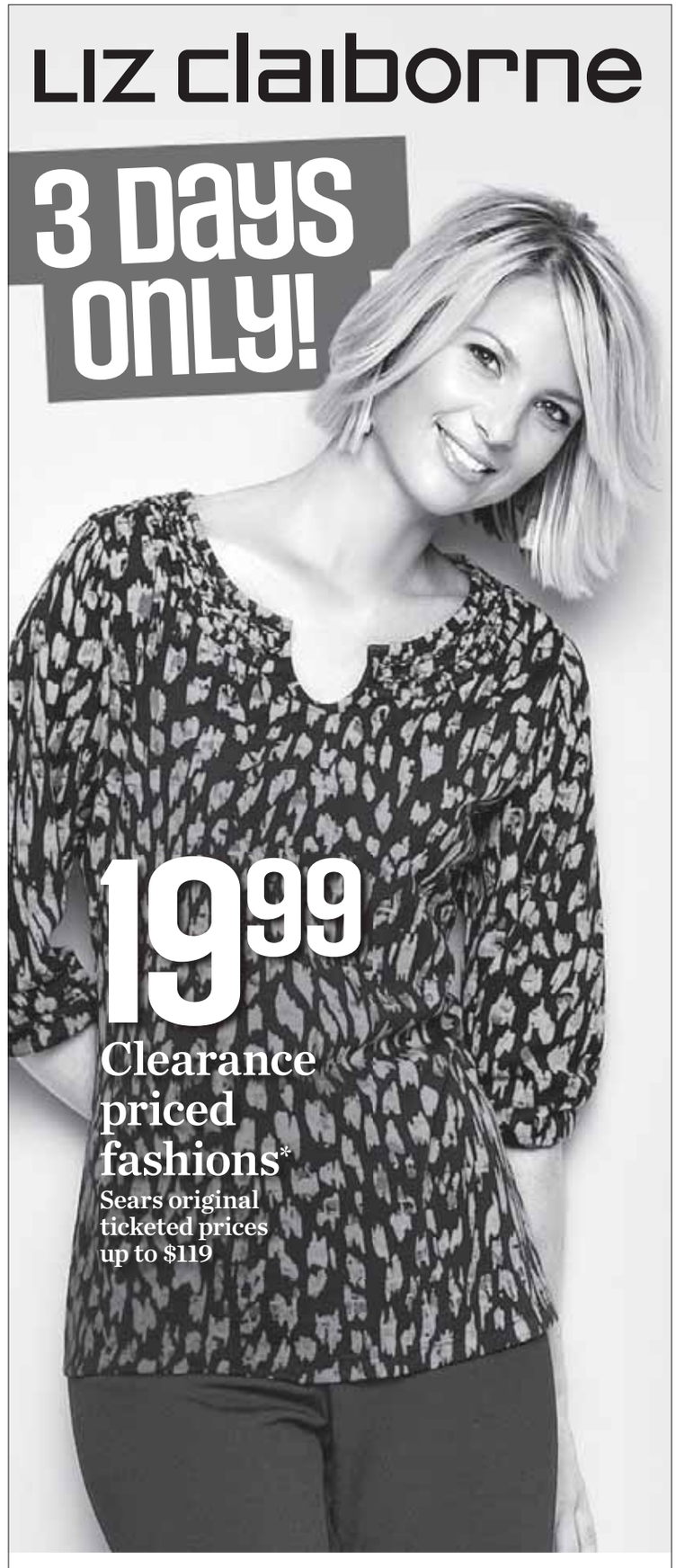

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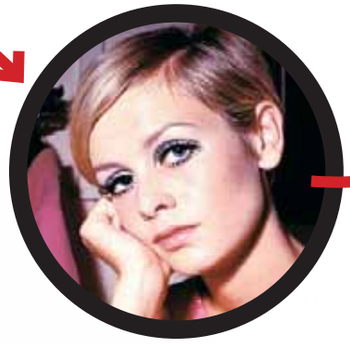

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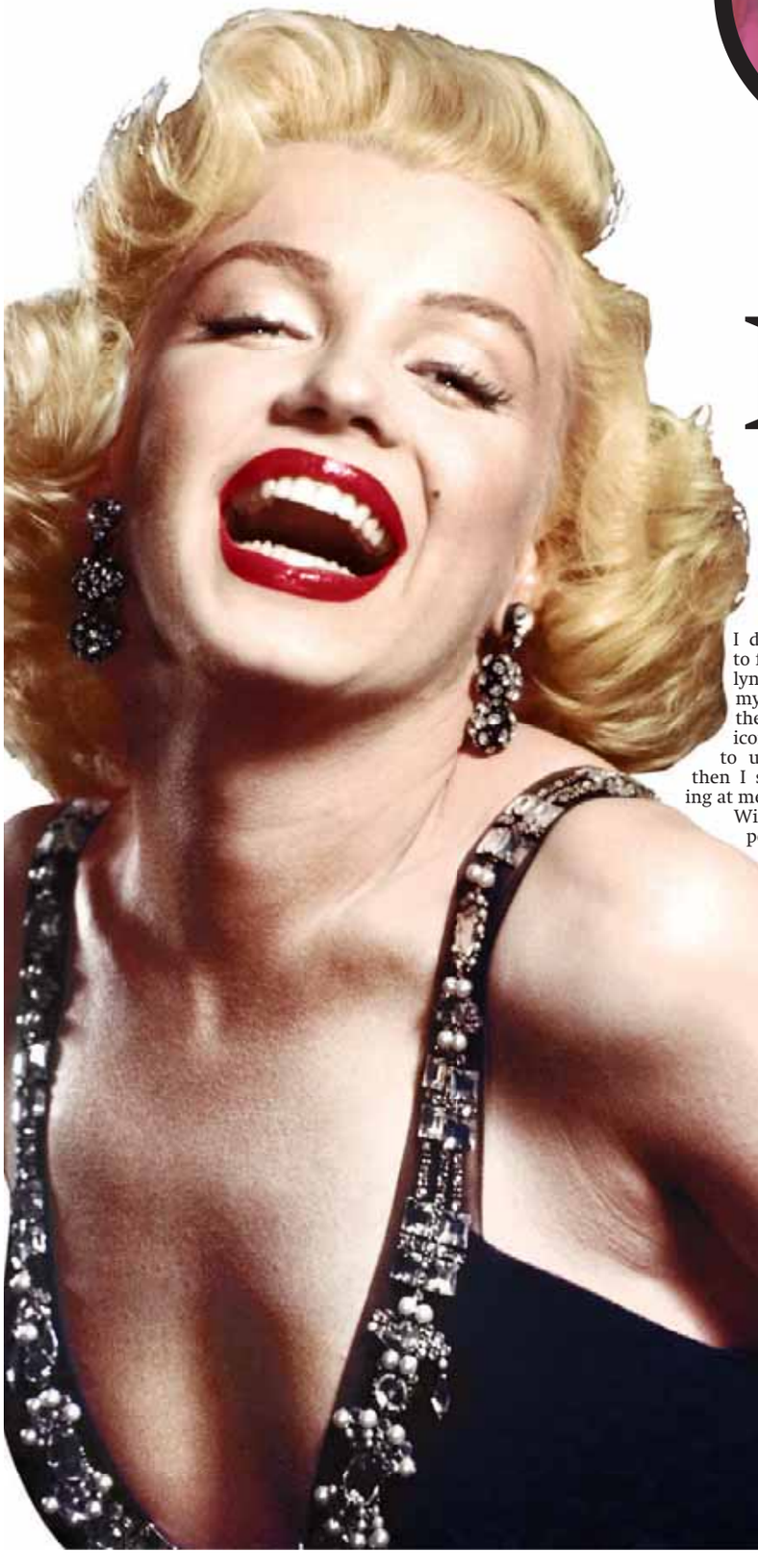


Beautiful in

Today, bombshells explode on the scene and quickly disappear. There's no iconic image of beauty to represent the past decade. Angelina Jolie's impossible curves are still sexy, but so are Tina Fey's intelligence and Serena Williams' athleticism. **Melita Kuburas** explores why esthetic decentralization may be problematic.

I didn't set out to find the Marilyn Monroe of my generation, the one beauty icon that speaks to us all — but then I saw her staring at me.

With her imperfect teeth, messy, bleached hair and morning-after complexion, musician Liza Thorn is the anti-Marilyn, and we need more like her.

Thorn's unlikely ascent as a style icon — she has an affinity for ripped stockings and tattered coats — was featured last month in the New York Times' fashion app The Collection. ("She is a beguiling presence," writes the Times's William Van Meter.) Thorn likely won't capture our attention for long, but the fascination with her carefree look is symbolic of a change that's occurred within the beauty industry. There is no longer a single beauty or style icon that captures our admiration. Bombshells explode onto the scene; we become enraptured, then quickly move on to someone else.

"We used to look to magazine supermodels and to Hollywood celebrities and starlets to define iconic beauty. But not only is Hollywood a little bit more diverse, our definitions and expectations for beauty are far more diverse," says Sidneyeve Matrix, associate professor of media and film at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

Matrix says the online space has "democratized" the beauty industry.

"Social media is now a mainstream broadcast platform for us," she says. "We can all chime in and vote for what we think is interesting and smart and beautiful."

Thanks to Instagram, Tumblr and YouTube, we've replaced yesterday's beauty emblems with our own, more diverse images and content, Matrix says.

You don't have to be a magazine editor to review makeup, attend Fashion Week or participate in trunk shows or store openings.

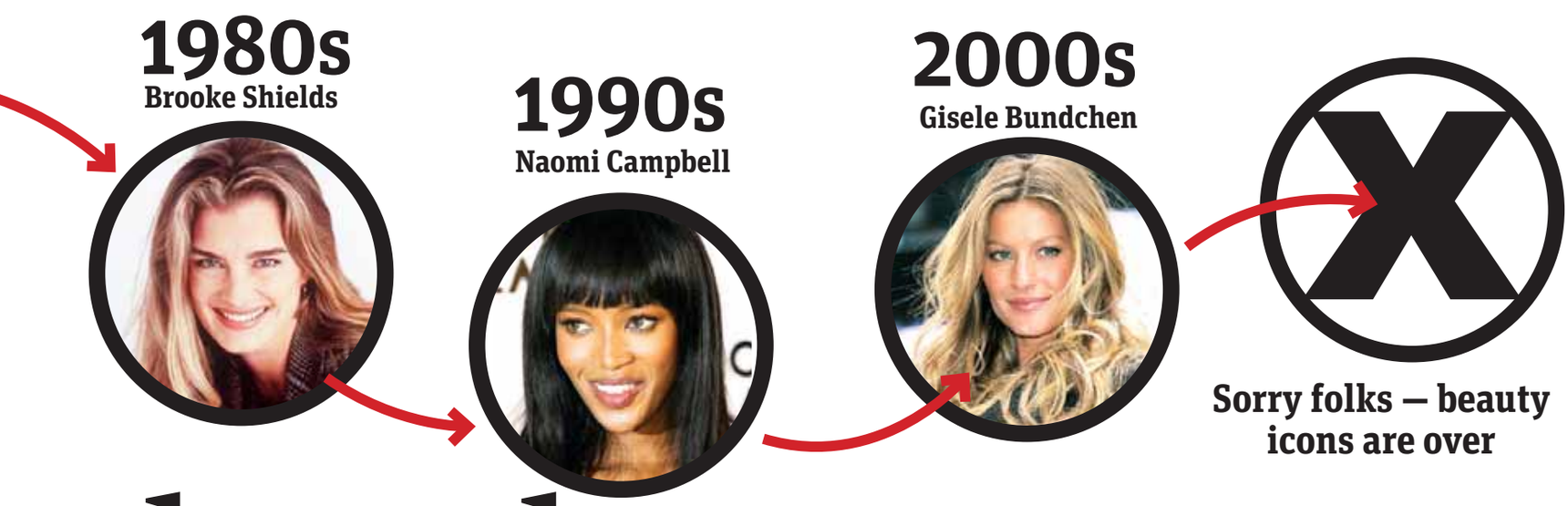
Those are some of the perks Kerrilyn Wong has enjoyed since she started writing her blog, There's Something About Kerri. Wong, 26, has a knack for spotting unique pieces and putting together enviable outfits. But she gravitated to beauty blogs for another reason — at five-foot-four, she couldn't relate to the leggy models in magazines.

"Their body proportions were not similar to mine," writes Wong from Vancouver, where she's a student at BCIT. "The hemline of a dress on a magazine model may fall above her knees, but for shorter girls, it may fall to their calves and make them appear stubby."

Beauty blogs are seen as more relatable than mainstream publications because the bloggers evince insecurities

Exclusively online

A face-research lab compiled numerous images of faces to create one composite "average" face, and found the result was surprisingly attractive. Metro talked to the researcher who runs the lab. Visit metronews.ca for the interview and to find out how you can make your own composite face. For more on beauty, check out our interactive face map.



Sorry folks — beauty icons are over a heartbeat

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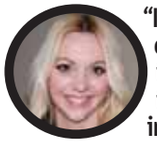

"If we are feeling insecure, we always want to find a way to make ourselves continue to feel insecure. Having images in the media that are so beautiful and so glamorous keeps us in our place. So there's a part of us that wants it; it feeds that part of us to feel inadequate." **Kimberly Moffit, psychotherapist,** on why we feed on aspirational images of beauty

similar to our own. Wong, for instance, has shared about her own dieting and exercise, talking openly about the body parts she's focusing on toning up.

But that "realness" factor is deceiving, argues Sabrina Maddeaux, managing editor of Toronto Standard, an online publication that covers urban affairs, style and culture. Most popular bloggers are not challenging the status quo, she says.

"I think blogs, social media and 'street style' started off as positive forces for diversity in beauty and fashion, but as they've become more associated, supported and controlled by mainstream media outlets, brands and advertisers, they've become quite harmful," Maddeaux says.

"A lot of these bloggers have risen to fame through the support of major media outlets and brands, who then turn around and use their association with them to say: 'Look at us! We're being real!' But they're just different versions of the same girls they've always featured in magazines and campaigns."

Maddeaux sees a superficial improvement when it comes to diversity in magazines.

Stars like Kim Kardashian, Christina Hendricks and Beyoncé are praised for their "curvier" bodies and accept their stardom as proof that Hollywood supports a healthier body image. But while those women are exceptionally attractive, their beauty — doe eyes, puffy lips, large breasts — is ultimately rather conventional.

"Plus-size models still have to fit into a very specific size range — one that doesn't reflect the majority of women — and even the 'quirky, intelligent' celebrities like Tina Fey still look like most people's prom queen," Maddeaux argues. "Clearly, editorial teams are still way behind the curve on this."

Even though our culture lacks a single personification, there's still a set of standards of beauty and physique that the media continues to enforce, says Kimberly Moffit, a Toronto-based psychotherapist. "I think that can be discouraging for young women."

Both Moffit and Maddeaux are concerned about the idolization of single body parts — Pippa Middleton's butt, Scarlett Johansson's lips, a skinny runway model's "thigh gap."

"The rate at which we speed through icons, and fragmentize them, is actually much more de-humanizing than what we saw in decades past," Maddeaux says.

The transience of contemporary beauty icons has come with its own problems, but there is still a healthier balance than once existed.

"Think about Twiggy and how specific that body type was," Moffit says. "There were probably some women that really struggled because they saw pictures of Twiggy and wished that they could be like her."

When there is a dominant ideal of beauty — whether it's a blond woman with large breasts or a waifish woman with round eyes — we are less likely to see our own qualities as attractive.

A U.K. study published last year found evidence that our "visual diet" affects our acceptance of larger shapes and sizes. The authors say women who were shown pictures of heavier models were afterward more likely to accept theirs as an ideal body type.

If the study is right, then seeing more women with peculiar features like Thorn's praised for their looks may make us feel more accepting of our own.

Cover models not just pretty faces

There are a wide range of cover girls these days because the women's magazine industry is more fragmented, says Kerry Mitchell, a former publisher of women's magazines including Chatelaine and Flare.

"Media is just much more interactive. It's far easier now for consumers to align themselves with groups or tribes they have a particular affinity for," says Mitchell. "One group's idea of beauty or style can be very different than another's and that's OK."

Women have different expectations of different magazines, and cover models and the way they are — or aren't — written about must align with them, she says.

In fashion magazines, "the height of visual artistry is the appeal and you're less interested in the woman. But, in others, looking behind the veil and learning about the life behind the look is highly appealing," she says. For example, Mitchell places Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha among the top of today's beauty icons, in part because she has, over time, connected with a segment of the fashion audience as a person.

"She can be reflected now not just as a canvas for portraying the latest in some great designer's imagination. She has an authentic and legitimate appeal to the women who really care what she has to say," Mitchell says.

No matter what kind of women's magazine a woman is reading, beauty is part of the allure, says Mitchell. "Beautiful visuals and an aspirational quality are always part of the appeal of sinking into your favourite magazine." **JESSICA SMITH/METRO**

That's hot

Gossip columns obsess over it, magazines search for it and Paris Hilton trademarked the phrase, but our concept of what's hot seems to change too quickly to truly define. Beauty, on the other hand, is a little different.

"When I look at what's beautiful, that's people who have a classic beauty," says Lisa Tant, vice-president, fashion editor at Holt Renfrew. "Hot is what's sexy. (It changes) all the time. With Twitter, it can change tomorrow."

According to Dr. Peter Adamson, an otolaryngologist (head and neck surgeon) practising in facial plastic surgery, what we find hot, or attractive, is based on a composite of the hundreds of people we see around us. But apprehending beauty, says Adamson, isn't a matter of opinion so much as a matter of hormones.

"The features we find beautiful are those features we know are derived from high estrogen levels (in women)," he says, adding that high estrogen levels mean high fertility.

For a woman, these features include larger eyes, a smaller nose, a short, triangular jaw line and high cheekbones. For a man, beauty is based on features derived from high levels of androgen, he says. This means smaller eyes, lower brows, a square face, a strong jaw and a bigger nose.

"It's a very hard-wired thing. It's been with us for generations and generations," Adamson says.

Globalization of beauty

There may never be another Marilyn Monroe. Tant is OK with that. According to Tant, there has been a major shift in the beauty world.

"When Marilyn Monroe was considered the look of the decade ... people didn't have a voice. Now, our standard of beauty is much more universal," she says.

The proof is in the magazines, which feature models and celebrities from all over the world. Blond hair and blue eyes have been replaced with an array of different colours.

"The No. 1 model in the world — her name is Joan Smalls; she's from Puerto Rico.... She's not blond hair and blue eyes. Fashion now is global," Tant says.

Adamson not only agrees with Tant; he can explain the phenomenon.

"The beauty ideal is changing, so the reason it's changing is that we're seeing the globalization of beauty," he says.

This shift in beauty has to do with immigration and social media. The more we see different cultures around us, the more we want to emulate their looks.

"The point is, there are many different celebrity and beauty icons today, and they're not all Caucasian, whereas 50 years ago they were," Adamson says. **RITA POLIAKOV/METRO**

Joan Smalls
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India. New law hailed as a major victory for subcontinent women

India's Parliament passed a sweeping new law on Thursday to protect women against sexual violence in response to a fatal December gang rape and beating of a young woman on a bus in New Delhi.

The new law, which still requires the president's signature before it becomes official, makes stalking, voyeurism and sexual harassment a crime. It also provides for the death penalty for repeat offenders or for rape attacks that lead to the victim's death.

The law makes it a crime for police to refuse to open cases when they receive complaints of sexual attacks.

Activists hailed the law as a milestone even as they raised concerns over certain provisions. The bill was passed by the upper house of India's Parliament, two days after the lower house approved it. "We have taken many steps forward," lawyer Vrinda Grover said.

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'Milestone'

The law was hurried through Parliament after a gang rape on a bus in December sparked nationwide protests demanding the government do more to safeguard women.

- But the government's refusal to criminalize marital rape was criticized by activists.
- "If bodily integrity is the issue, and consent is the issue, than certainly rape in marriage should be included," activist Ranjana Kumari said. While she praised the new law as a "huge victory," she added significant problems remain.
- Kumari also criticized the 10-year maximum sentence for acid attacks as too light.

Peace is possible: Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama waves as he leaves the stage after speaking at the International Convention Centre in Jerusalem on Thursday. Obama insisted "peace is possible," prodding Israelis and Palestinians to return to peace talks. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt. Women's group critical of Muslim Brotherhood

Islamists who reject a UN blueprint to combat violence against women and girls are promoting the idea that Islam favours violence against women, Egypt's official women's rights council says.

Last week, 131 countries at the United Nations approved the non-binding document to combat violence against women and girls.

Egypt's ruling Muslim Brotherhood strongly objected to the document, saying it clashed with Islamic principles.

In Cairo on Thursday, the head of the women's council, Mervat Tellawy, called on the Muslim Brotherhood to stop using religion to promote its agenda.

The UN document has raised controversy in the Arab world because, among other things, it recommits governments to providing comprehensive sex education and calls for safe abortion for victims of violence.

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Commons

MP's motion opposed to sex selection abortion non-votable

A Conservative MP's bid to have Parliament condemn the practice of sex-selective abortion has been short-circuited. A House of Commons sub-committee that oversees private members' business has deemed Mark Warawa's motion to be non-votable. That means the non-binding motion will not be debated, much less voted upon, sparing Stephen Harper from another split in Conservative ranks.

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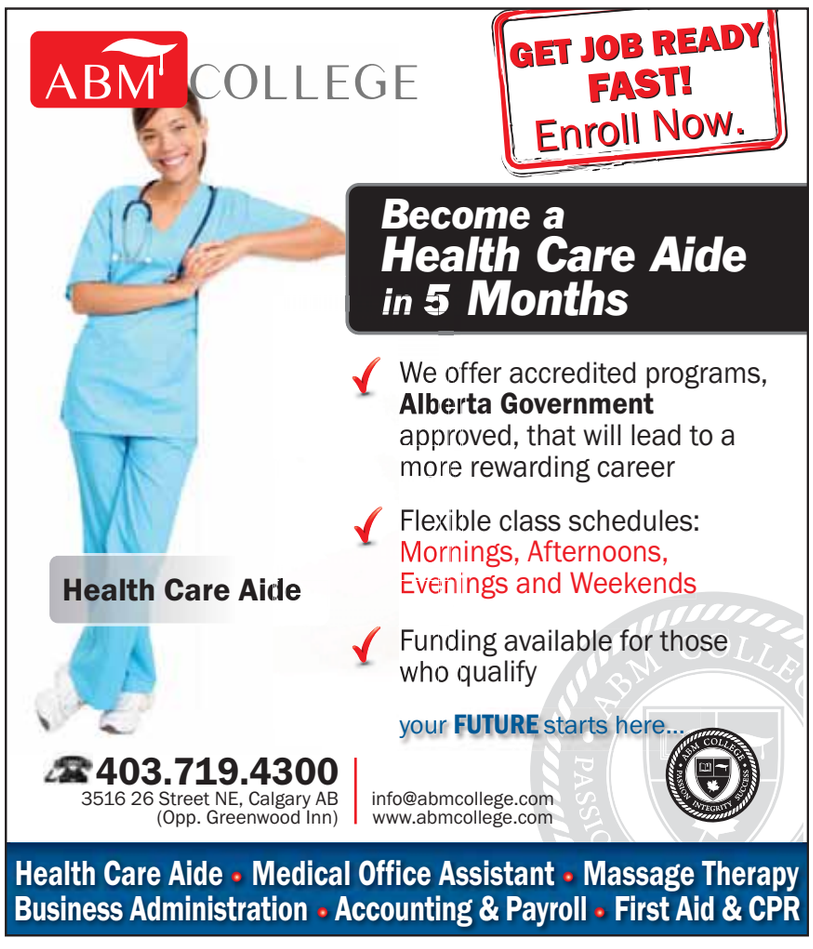

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Ethics debate. Many U.K. docs give patients useless drugs, treatments: Survey

More than three-quarters of British doctors prescribe a treatment they know probably won't work at least once a week, like low-dose drugs, vitamins, nutritional supplements or an unnecessary exam, according to a new survey.

This use of placebo treatments directly contradicts advice from the British Medical Association, which deems them unethical.

The researchers say the findings reveal a common practice among doctors and should be used to change official guidance about using placebos. The surveyed doctors said they prescribed them to induce a "placebo effect," to reassure patients or because patients pushed for a treatment.

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Migrant worker's behalf

Rights group files privacy complaint over reality-TV raid

A B.C. civil-rights group has filed a complaint with the federal privacy commissioner saying Canada's border agency broke the law with a reality show.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association's complaint, filed on behalf of a migrant worker who was removed from Canada yesterday, says the show violates the federal Privacy Act.

The group's executive director, Josh Paterson, says the filming violated the privacy rights of vulnerable migrant workers.

A film crew for the show Border Security accompanied officers of Canada Border Services Agency last week when they raided a Vancouver construction site and arrested six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police exercise ends in deadly helicopter crash

'There was blood on the ground.' At least one killed after two choppers collide near Berlin stadium as they approached for landing

Rescue workers tend to occupants after two helicopters of the German federal police crashed on a field at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Thursday. HANNIBAL HANSCHKE/DPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two helicopters clipped each other and crashed as they landed in a snowstorm near Berlin's Olympic Stadium during a federal police exercise on Thursday, leaving one person dead and several injured, German authorities said.

One of the helicopter pilots died at the scene, fire service spokesman Stephan Fleischer said. Five people were injured, four of them seriously, he added.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the injured people were in the helicopters, Fleischer said. He didn't have details on how the accident happened.

Pictures from the scene showed one of the helicopters lying on its side in the snow in a field behind the stadium and the other next to it, still upright.

Eyewitness Johannes Malinowski said on N-tv television that he saw three helicopters approaching and that the snow on the field was being kicked up by the aircraft, so "you couldn't see a whole lot anymore."

Then "there was a big bang and someone shouted, 'Everybody on the ground,'" he said. "And then we looked up and there was blood on the ground."

The police were conducting a training exercise on dealing with football violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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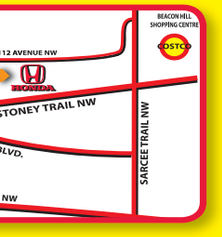

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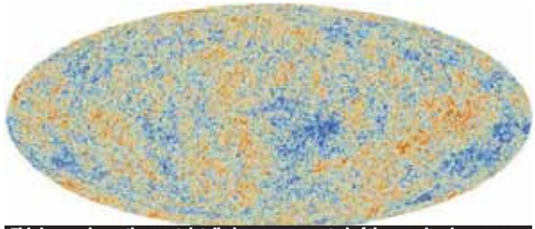
Universe far older than thought, scientists say

New results from looking at the split-second after the Big Bang indicate the universe is 80 million years older than previously thought and provide ancient evidence supporting core concepts about the cosmos — how it began, what it's made of and where it's going.

The findings released Thursday bolster a key theory called inflation, which says the universe burst from subatomic size to its now-observable expanse in a fraction of a second. The new observations from the European Space Agency's $900 million Planck space probe appear to reinforce some predictions made decades ago solely on the basis of mathematical concepts.

"We've uncovered a fundamental truth of the universe," said the director of the Kavli Institute for Cosmology at the University of Cambridge, George Efstathiou, who announced the satellite result in Paris. "There's less stuff that we don't understand by a tiny amount."

The Big Bang — the most comprehensive theory of the universe's beginning — says the visible portion of the universe was smaller than an atom when, in a split second, it exploded, cooled and expanded faster than the speed of light. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This image shows the most detailed map ever created of the cosmic microwave background acquired by the European Space Agency's Planck space telescope. ESA-PLANCK COLLABORATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scotland sets date for vote on independence

Scottish leader Alex Salmond has set Sept. 18, 2014, as the date for an independence referendum that could radically alter the U.K., calling it a historic opportunity to create a better country and a day "when we are able to speak with our own voice, choose our own direction and contribute in our own distinct way." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portland, Maine

Man gets jail for prostitution op at Zumba studio

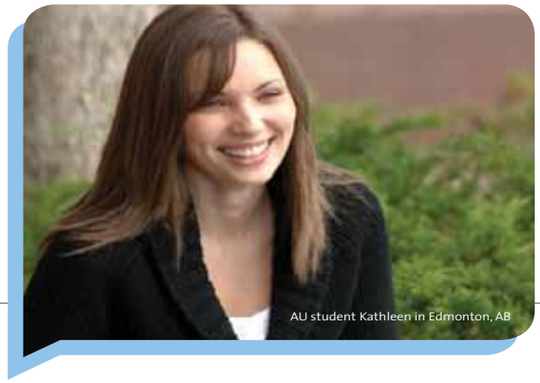
An insurance agent who helped run a prostitution operation out of his mistress's Zumba studio and watched secretly videotaped sex acts was ordered to spend 20 days in jail in a scandal that rocked a small northeastern U.S. town. Prosecutors say Mark Strong Sr. was involved in every facet of the operation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Milestone

YouTube reaches 1B users a month

YouTube says more than 1 billion people are now visiting its video site each month to watch everything from clips of cute kittens to scenes of social unrest around the world.

The milestone marks another step in YouTube's evolution from a quirky startup launched in 2005 to one of the most influential forces in today's media landscape. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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The Acropolis in Athens with the lights on, and off, during Earth Hour on March 31, 2012. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Lights off, awareness on

Going dark. Hundreds of millions participate in Earth Hour, but can 60 minutes make a difference?

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Be prepared — at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday the lights turn off. From Tokyo to Toronto, Palestine to Papua New Guinea, hundreds of millions of people in more than 150 countries and territories will participate in the world's largest co-ordinated action on climate change, led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Organizers state this is a "symbolic" action, and there will be no measurement of its impact. But campaigners believe it's important to challenge our relationship with technology.

"People need to see collective action to take the issue seriously," says Peter Madden, CEO of the international group Forum for the Future. "Changes can be attractive if they are re-enforced socially."

With technology increasingly embedded in everyday life, it's time to make smarter choices, says Madden. "The most exciting innovations are making energy use visible. Phone apps can give you data, heaters can learn when they are needed."

The Beyond Zero Emissions group estimates that energy demand could be halved if people replaced their appliances with more efficient models. Patio heaters remain among the worst offenders, and campaigners are aiming for 100 per cent LED lighting.

For hardliners, living off-grid has become increasingly possible. "There is cheaper and more reliable energy available such as ground-source and mini-turbines — a great alternative to the rising cost of traditional fuel," says Madden.

However, Earth Hour's "global switch-off" concept has also been criticized, and participation and online involvement have dropped off this year.

"It's a particular demographic of younger people in cities that is hard to sustain," says Mike Shanahan of the International Institute for Environment and Development.

"For the green movement to grow it needs to be relevant to daily lives and to local issues."

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Q4. Lululemon says pants recall put customer loyalty ahead of, er, bottom line

Lululemon Athletica Inc., the Vancouver-based retailer of workout gear, admits the recent recall of its black Luon pants will put the pinch on earnings this year, but says keeping customer loyalty is paramount.

"Delivering the top quality our guests expect is a critical factor in our differentiation in the marketplace," CEO Christine Day said in delivering an upbeat fourth-quarter earnings report Thursday that slightly exceeded analysts' expectations.

The company, which operates 211 stores in North America and Australia, said earlier this week it was pulling some of its stretchy black pants from its shelves because of manufacturing problems that made them too sheer.

Day said it wasn't known whether it was the ingredients, specific manufacturers or problems with the manufacturing process that caused the black Luon pants to be too sheer.

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Assad supporters hack BBC Twitter accounts

A screenshot of the BBC weather service's Twitter account on Thursday, after it was hacked along with two other BBC accounts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online security. Prank is latest in string of web attacks by group called Syrian Electronic Army

Supporters of Syrian President Bashar Assad hijacked the Twitter accounts of the BBC's weather and Arabic services on Thursday and posted messages that were by turns political, anti-Semitic and comical.

The BBC confirmed that several accounts had been hacked, saying that it is "actively working" on the issues and expected them to be resolved shortly.

The hackers identified themselves as members of the Syrian Electronic Army, a group that has carried out a string of web attacks against targets such as Al-Jazeera, which it sees as sympathetic to Syria's rebels.

The BBC Weather, BBC Arabic and BBC Radio Ulster accounts appear to have been the targets. Among the messages posted on the BBC Weather Twitter account were "Long Live Syria Al-Assad" and "Saudi weather station down due to head-on collision with camel."

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Vatican bat signal

- One of the Vatican's main Twitter accounts, @pccs-va, and the website of its communications office were running stories about Batman on Thursday, raising concerns they might have been hacked.
- But Vatican communications adviser Greg Burke said the sites had not been hacked and that the story is a legitimate Catholic News Service story. "Admittedly some people might have been thrown off by the headline," he said.

Overtime pay

Class-action suits against Scotiabank, CIBC can proceed

The Supreme Court of Canada has cleared the way for two class-action lawsuits against CIBC and Scotiabank seeking hundreds of millions of dollars to go ahead. The lawsuits allege thousands of workers were denied overtime pay even though they were assigned more work than could be completed within their standard hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Banking

TD site forced offline by attack

TD Canada Trust says it was hit by a "targeted" cyber attack Thursday, forcing its banking website and mobile banking service to go offline for several hours. The bank says the denial-of-service attack occurred mid-morning and prevented its customers from logging on to its website and mobile site. Such an attack occurs when hackers flood a website with a large amount of fake traffic.

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Streamlining

Coca-Cola to cut 750 jobs in U.S.

Coca-Cola says it's chopping 750 jobs in the U.S. as it continues to streamline its business. The world's biggest beverage maker says the cuts will be across the board and that affected individuals will be notified in coming weeks. The reductions represent roughly one per cent of the company's workforce of 75,000 in North America.

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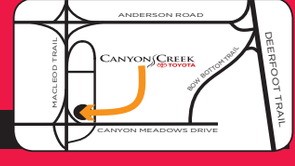

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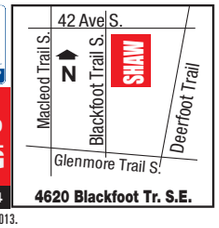

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THE METRO LIST
Paul Sullivan
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1 Lulu of a lemon. Yoga togs manufacturer recalls its Luon yoga pants because if you look closely enough, you can see through them. I'm not sure why that's a problem, but the recall has led to a critical yoga-pants shortage (really?). On the other hand, it's led to an over-abundance of clever headlines, like this one from fashionista.com: I See London, I See France: Lululemon Recalls See-through Yoga Pants.

2 Don't cry for me, Argentina. But you can say a prayer if you like. The first non-European pope in a zillion years channels the beloved St. Francis of Assisi and advocates on behalf of the poor and the environment. But if you're a gay couple that wants to get married, save your prayer for the next one, maybe.

3 Global village idiot. Let me see if I've got this: Cyprus, the world's 159th biggest country, is a tax haven for Russian oligarchs. Its banks invest in Greece (not smart); then Greece goes belly-up, and Cyprus wants a bailout. The EU tells Cyprus to eat baklava, so Cyprus gets the bright idea to plunder people's personal savings, but before they can, the Russian oligarchs take all their money out of Cypriot banks. This has led to unstable markets around the world. It's random, dude …

4 Crouching Tiger, hidden dragon lady? Tiger Woods and Lindsey Vonn are dating. He's won 76 PGA tour events and she's won 59 World Cup ski races. She's been the athlete of the year (2010). He's been the athlete of the decade (2009). I'm already looking forward to the breakup. Should be world-class.

5 Lean in, fall down. OK, girlfriend, you're trying to make partner at a national law firm, you're getting your master's in quantum physics, you have two children in pre-Ivy league boarding school, you're a gourmet cook, you're the CEO of home. Now you have to read this stupid book by some Facebook COO that says you're not trying hard enough to rule the world. Lean in on this, Sheryl Sandberg.

6 Fiscal fine print. Thursday's federal budget was pretty boring unless you're a tax lawyer or a business editor. Except for this item: Ottawa to raise tariff on goods from 72 countries, except baby clothes and hockey equipment, which are exempt. So that's Stephen Harper's plan for Canada.

7 2013, A Space Oddity. Voyager 1, launched in 1977, is now 12 billion miles from home, and according to the American Geophysical Union, it has left the solar system. Then, a few hours later, the AGU backed off its original statement, saying only that the little vessel has entered a new region of space. Could be the first recorded case of cosmic premature ejaculation.

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Toronto birds hitting the wall

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ROM exhibits thousands of dead birds

The bodies of about 2,400 birds that died in collisions with buildings while trying to navigate through Toronto's skyline were on display at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto Thursday.

The exhibit is part of an annual public awareness campaign launched by the Fatal Light Awareness Program.
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The exhibit includes 91 species and represents only a small sample of the estimated one million birds that die annually in collisions with Toronto buildings, mostly office towers.

Charges dropped against developer

Last month, an Ontario judge found that the owner of a Toronto office building was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of birds that flew into its highly reflective windows. However, the judge acquitted the owner because it did due diligence in trying to rectify the problem. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Cheaper gas? More housing? What would you like to see included in the federal budget? #eap13

@ibew_sparky: raise minimum wage

@seanorr: A completely re-worked economy favouring renewable energy and not hinged on constant growth at any cost, divestment in military

@Samyzz: I would like there to be more housing, including for youth in poverty. Also more financial aid to those unemployed for a year.

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Synopsis

When a judgment call costs him his job as a personal security guard to the president of the United States (Aaron Eckhart), Mike Banning (Gerard Butler) is reassigned to a desk job in the Treasury Department. He wants his old job back and a second chance to show he has the right stuff. He gets another crack at it when North Korean terrorists invade Washington, overtake the White House, killing POTUS's entire security team and kidnapping the prez. As the only man left with a gun and knowledge of the White House's security systems, he alone must protect the future of the free world!

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

Gerard Butler is the only one who can save the day in Olympus Has Fallen. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Fallin' for the action

Olympus Has Fallen.

By-the-book hostage flick is full of bombs, bodies and bad guys

Richard: Olympus Has Fallen is about as standard as action movies get. It's so standard that the two most presidential of actors — Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman — both play the Commander in Chief. This movie has everything you expect, which, if you have low expectations — and you should — is guns, bombs and at least one character who comforts a mortally wounded man with the words, "C'mon! Hang in there!"

Imagine Red Dawn with fewer teenagers and a bigger body count.

Mark: With a plot ripped from the pages of season 3 of 24, the movie still satisfies the craving for high body count and low originality. If you like to think one man can make a difference then this is the film for you. A B minus movie to be sure but with A level actors and direction.

RC: I liked how director Antoine "Training Day" Fuqua embraces the '80s-style B-movieness of it all. It's all bash, boom, bang with a side of motive — evil North Korean mastermind Rick Yune wants to reignite the Korean civil war the U.S. interrupted — and the kind of patriotism that only ever shows up in movies like this. For example, Banning crushes a bad guy's skull with a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

MB: I think this movie might have a different effect on Canadian audiences who wouldn't be quite so moved to patriotism. And remember, when some nutcase stormed into 24 Sussex during the Chrétien era, the PM brained him with an Eskimo carving. Game over!

RC: Ha! This movie isn't really about the patriotism, or any of that flag-waving stuff. It's all about the body count. The first 20 minutes or so is spent on "character development," an attempt to make stock characters — like the charming but fearless Secret Service agent — but it really begins with the audacious attack and the ensuing mayhem. I think if you had a poster of Dolph Lundgren on your wall in 1984 or rent JCVD movies today you'll likely find a kindred spirit in Olympus Has Fallen.

MB: Still, I enjoyed this movie because I'm partial to thrillers that take place in one defined space. You mentioned Lundgren but I'm thinking the lead might have been played by Bruce Willis in his early Die Hard days.

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The young and the greatness

Elle Fanning, 14, does some incredible work as a teenager caught up in the anti-nukes activism of 1960s London in the new coming-of-age drama Ginger & Rosa. Here's a look at five other child actresses who have wowed:

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Shirley Temple

The original. What precocious little girl hasn't watched Temple singing and dancing to On the Good Ship Lollipop and thought to herself: "That looks like fun — I want to do that too"? Of course, we all couldn't do it because she had that rare "thing" — that spark, that zest, that glow. She also worked her butt off perfecting her craft at a very young age — she started dancing at three.

Elizabeth Taylor

In her early, family-friendly films such as Lassie Come Home and especially National Velvet, Taylor had a startling and mature beauty for someone her age. Something about her aura radiated a grace and sophistication well beyond her years. Those mesmerizing eyes, that luxurious dark hair and flawless skin. It was as if she never went through the sort of awkward pre-adolescent stage the rest of us endured.

Jodie Foster

As she said in her rambling speech at this year's Golden Globes, she's been in the public eye since age three. Now at 50, the two-time Oscar winner is a great example of remaining strong and vital throughout the transition from child stardom to adulthood. Foster had confidence and swagger from her earliest days —it's evident even in something silly like a guest appearance on The Partridge Family.

Kirsten Dunst

She started modelling and appearing in commercials when she was only a few years old, but her breakout role at age 12 was playing the adorably creepy vampire Claudia opposite Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt in Interview With the Vampire. Great choices from there have included Sofia Coppola's The Virgin Suicides, Marie Antoinette and Michel Gondry's dreamlike Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

Abigail Breslin

She was one of the youngest-ever Oscar nominees at age 10 for her charming, vulnerable and ultimately inspiring performance as awkward pageant contestant Olive in the crowd-pleasing indie Little Miss Sunshine. But she made an impression even earlier than that when she made her film debut at just five in M. Night Shyamalan's Signs.

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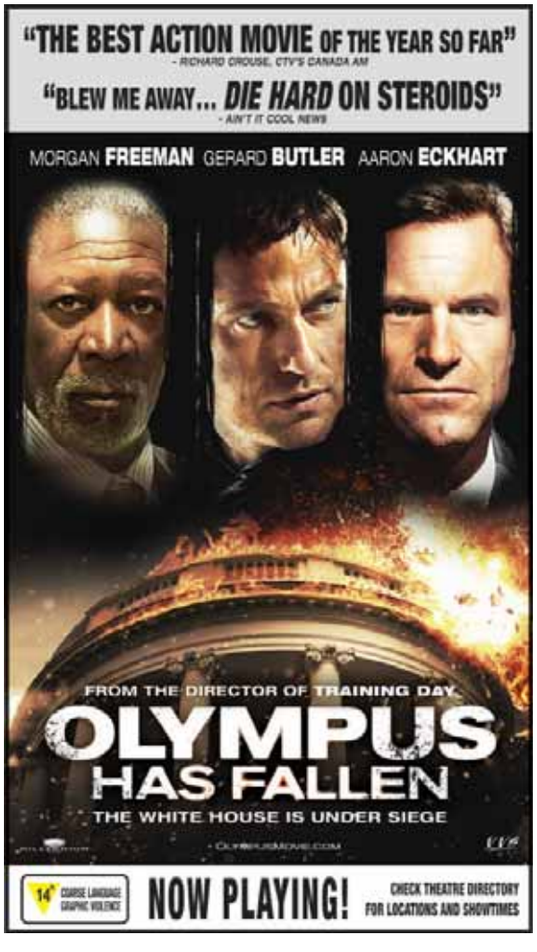

Actress has no trouble with a double

The Host. Saoirse Ronan had fun with duelling roles in Stephenie Meyer's latest imagining

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Saoirse Ronan, right, stars in The Host, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Talking to herself comes naturally to young Irish actress Saoirse Ronan, so her dual roles in The Host weren't really that daunting. In the film — based on Twilight author Stephenie Meyer's novel — Ronan plays a human named Melanie living in a future where alien parasites have come to earth and lodged themselves in the brains of humans, taking over their bodies and fixing the planet in the process. Melanie gets implanted, leading to the alien Wanda taking over her body, but with one complication: Melanie doesn't go away, remaining as a rather upset voice in Wanda's head.

That means a good amount of the movie consists of Ronan having conversations with her own voiceover. "That was a big question for me when I was going into it was how we were going to do this," Ronan says. Eventually, she and director Andrew Niccol settled on an earpiece that would transmit Ronan's prerecorded Melanie dialogue on Niccol's cue, something none of Ronan's co-stars could hear. "I talk to myself so much anyway that it was just like a normal day for me," she says. "So it was a very natural thing for me to talk to myself."

While Meyer's mega-hit vampire series revolved around a love triangle between a human girl, a vampire and a werewolf, she clearly felt the need to up the complexity factor for her followup. In The Host, Melanie has a boyfriend (Max Irons) from before she becomes inhabited, which becomes more of a problem when another human survivor (Jake Abel) becomes interested in Wanda — while she's inhabiting Melanie's body. So what exactly do we call a situation like that? It's not exactly a love triangle anymore.

"We're saying it's a love square," Ronan says. "Or a love rectangle, or I think a love parallelogram is another. I quite like that one. It's kind of impressive. So yeah, you can take your pick. As long as it has four sides, you know."

Quoted

"I talk to myself so much anyway that it was just like a normal day for me."

Saoirse Ronan on having dialogue with herself in The Host

Family/Animation

The Croods

Directors. Chris Sanders, Kirk De Micco

Stars. Nicolas Cage, Emma Stone

In Hollywood, what goes around comes around and so I suppose it's time for a new version of The Flintstones. The Croods is the new modern stone-age family — only this clan is so nervous of colourful prehistoric creatures, they rarely leave their beloved cave — except for their restless daughter of course. While there's nothing quite original in the juvenile dialogue, a few worthy gags and a frantic pace certainly keeps The Croods from ever being a snooze. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy

Admission

Director. Paul Weitz

Stars. Tina Fey, Paul Rudd

As an uptight admissions officer for Princeton University, Tina Fey brings the fragility of 30 Rock's Liz Lemon but hardly as many laughs. When she unwittingly falls for a new-age teacher (Rudd) attempting to get his autodidact student accepted, she's forced to face some harsh truths. Fey may battle contrived plotting and being upstaged by her underused feminist mother (Lily Tomlin), but Admission is still smarter than the average adult comedy. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

Stoker

Stars. Nicole Kidman, Matthew Goode, Dermot Mulroney

Director. Chan-Wook Park

The first English-language film from Korean master Chan-Wook Park, Stoker is a slow burn of a movie involving the Stoker family — mother Evie, daughter India and creepy uncle Charlie. Stoker is a sexual/psychological drama with overtones of incest, mental illness and infidelity. Question is, will it keep audiences entertained? Possibly, but the uneasy feel of the film and deliberate aloofness of the characters may be off-putting. **RICHARD CROUSE**

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The Croods 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:55-7:10 Mon-Wed 2:30-4:55-7:10 Thu 2:30-4:55
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (STC) No Passes Wed 7-10 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:15-7:05-10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (STC) No Passes Wed 7:45-10:30 No Passes Thu 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:30
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) Fri-Wed 9:45 Thu 10:15
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:35-10:15 Mon-Tue 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:15 Wed 2:10-4:50
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon-Tue 2:55-5:25-8-10:30 Wed 1:50-4:35-8-10:30 Thu 2:55-5:25-8-10:30
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri 2-4:40-7:20-10 Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:20-10 Sun-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35 Mon-Tue 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:35 Wed 1:05-3:55
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 1-4-6:55-9:50
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:20
Royal Opera House: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (STC) Thu 7:30

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Django Unchained (18A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-5:20-9:10 Mon-Tue 4:50-9:10 Wed 3:40
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (STC) No Passes Wed 7:10-9:50 No Passes Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Tue 4:30-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:10
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Tue 4:10-7-10 Wed 4:10-6:50-10 Thu 4:10-7-10
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:40
Quartet (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:30 Mon-Tue 4:20-6:50-9:30 Wed 4:20-9:30 Thu 4:20-6:50-9:30
Stoker (14A) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9:20

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21 and Over (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:40-4:15-7:40-10:15 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 10
Admission (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-7:10-9:55
The Call (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:25
The Croods (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1-3:35-7-9:35
The Croods 3D (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Tue 1:30-4-7:30-10 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed 12:35-1:30-3:15-4-6:35-9:15 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Thu 1:30-4-7:30-10
Dead Man Down (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Tue 10
Escape From Planet Earth (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:35-7:35 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:35-4-7:35
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 4
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (STC) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Wed 7:05-9:40 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Thu 1:05-3:40-7:05-9:40
G.I. Joe: Retaliation — An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Wed 7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (STC) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Wed 7:40-10:20 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital, No Passes Thu 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:20
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 6:40-9:20 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 3:20
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Mon-Thu 12:10-3
Identity Thief (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Sun 1:25-4:05-7:25-10:05 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Mon-Thu 7:25-10:05
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Wed 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:10 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Thu 12:55-3:45-6:55-9:45
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-6:35
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 3:20-9:20
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
Oz the Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Tue 12:45-3:45-9:45 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed 12:45-3:45
Parental Guidance (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Mon-Tue 12:40-3:20 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Wed 12:40
Rise of the Guardians (G) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Sun 12:10-3-6:10-9 Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Mon-Thu 6:10-9
The Smurfs (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:25-4:05
Snitch (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:45-4:20-7:45-10:20 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7:45-10:20

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Admission (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:45 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:10-3:15-6:20-9:45
The Call (14A) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:50-10:15
The Croods (G) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:30 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30
The Croods 3D (G) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:15-4-7:15-10 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:15-4-7-10
Escape From Planet Earth (G) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:10-3:40
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (STC) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed 7:10-9:50 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10-9:50 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed 7:40-10:20 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Thu 1:10-4:10-7:40-10:20
Identity Thief (14A) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 9:50 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 9:40
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:20 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:15
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12-6:40 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12-6:50
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:10
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-4:30-7:30-10:30
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 6:30-9:40 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:15-10:10
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1-4:15-8 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed 3:20-6:40 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Thu 1:15-4-7-10 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 12:30-3:45-7-10:10 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Tue 12:30-3:45-10:10 Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Wed 12:30-3:45

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Admission (PG) Fri-Wed 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:40 Thu 3:20-5:45-8:10-10:40
Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Aliens (STC) Mon 7
The Call (14A) Fri 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Sat 12:55-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Sun 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Mon 1:05-3:30-5:50-8:20-10:45 Tue-Wed 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Thu 12:25-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:45
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Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri-Tue 12-2:35 Wed 12-2:35-5 Thu 12-2:35
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G.I. Joe: Retaliation — An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Wed 7:30-10:15 No Passes Thu 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:30-10:15
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The Host (PG) Thu 9:30
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20
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Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) Fri-Tue 11:45 Wed 11:45-2:30-5
Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 2:30-5:20-8:05-10:50 Wed 8:05-10:50 Thu 11:45-2:30-5:20-8:05-10:50
John Dies at the End (18A) Wed 9:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:20 Sat 4:30-7:25-10:20 Sun-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Maria Stuarda Encore (STC) Sat 10:55
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Tue 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05 Wed 8:10-10:50 Thu 1:35-4:35-7:15-10:05 Wed 1:35-4:35
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Oz the Great and Powerful: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:35-7-10 Wed 12:30-3:35
Royal Opera House: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (STC) Thu 7:30
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:40 Thu 1:20-4:10-6:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:45
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Pooja Kiven AA (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:40-9:30
Snitch (14A) Fri-Tue 4:10-9:35 Wed 4:10

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The Call (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:25
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Tooth & Nail. Mother's death forces Billy Bragg to re-evaluate his music career

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Billy Bragg's spare, politically charged debut EP Life's a Riot with Spy Vs Spy. But the adaptable British singer/songwriter says he's still trying to figure out his place in this peculiar industry.

Two years ago, the death of Bragg's mother gave him particular reason to pause and re-evaluate his music career. He returned after a five-year absence from recording Tuesday with Tooth & Nail, his first album since 2008's Mr. Love & Justice.

The gently melodic, emotionally tender set has been hailed as a return to form for the 55-year-old in such publications as the Guardian and Mojo.

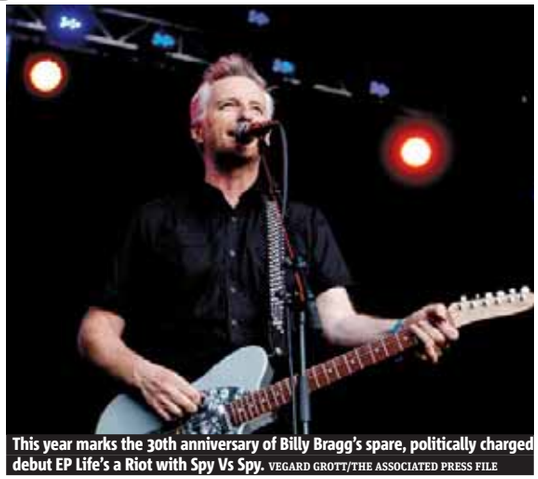
In an interview with The Canadian Press, Bragg admits he'll be closely watching the reaction to the release.

How did your mother's death set you on a path that led to Tooth & Nail?

Well, my mum passed in early 2011, and I think when something like that happens, you can't fail but look around. All of a sudden there's a generational shift and I'm the oldest person in the family now. It makes you think to yourself: "Why are you doing this? Is what I'm doing worthwhile? Or am I just drifting?"

So I started looking at a practical way of discovering whether there is room in the recording industry in 2013 for Billy Bragg. Or whether what I've been doing for the past five years — which is working at a cottage-industry level, putting out CDs and selling them like T-shirts (at shows) — maybe that's my niche now.

So the release of the album is the culmination of that quest — he says, sounding like Frodo Baggins.



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Was your mother supportive of your music?

There's a fabulous bit in the (making-of) documentary about (the 1998 album) Mermaid Avenue, where I was sitting on the sofa with her and the director says, "Do you like Billy's records?" And she sort of looks away, and says, "Well, you know, the school did lead us to expect more" (laughs).

She wasn't dismissive of it, but I don't think she wanted me getting on my high horse just because I had been in the newspapers and on the telly. She did choose one of my songs for her own funeral service. So obviously she did like my music after all.

Tooth & Nail is more about love than politics. Why?

The majority of the songs on the record are based in relationships, but that's also partly the nature of the way we hear music now. Now if I write a topical song, I get it uploaded as soon as I can for free download. It's almost like a newscast. As a result of that, when I come to make an album, I find that the predominant songs in my woodshed are songs about deeper things, about emotions. And I don't think that's a bad thing because I would hate for everything to be about politics. I've played with bands like that and they can be a bit hard-going.

When you started this project you wanted to figure out where you stood. Do you have clarity now?

I definitely have a sense of direction again, but what I'm interested to do now is to find out where I fit in the recording industry, because I know where I am in the music industry — people love coming to see me play.

(But) the industry's changing much faster than I can put out records. So when you've worked out where your niche is, the next time you look, the niche isn't even there anymore. I'm not complaining about this, by the way. I'm just being honest.

Rather than being complacent ... we do have to step back and look at it, and try to perhaps tailor what we're doing a little more to where the medium is now.

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3 Songs for the weekend

Call it retro revenge. Each of these bands may be more than 30 years old but they're not dead yet.

SOUND CHECK
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Soothe My Soul/Depeche Mode

The studio version of this new single from the upcoming Delta Machine album was streaming online — and then it wasn't.

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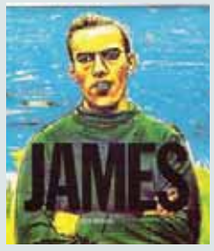
The classic line-up has a record called English Electric coming April 8. This sounds like it could be in any mid-80s John Hughes movie.



Sit Down/James

A new video of their classic created especially for Comic Relief's Red Nose Night charity. Proof that a brilliant song is brilliant, no matter how old it is.

Mad Men star Jon Hamm is 'a big fan' of JT's suit and tie

Mad Men star Jon Hamm is going mad over Justin Timberlake's suit and tie — the song and the singer's style.

"I'm a big fan of Justin Timberlake," Hamm said in a recent interview. "I think he's a trendsetter, as they say. But he's always been kind of a natty dresser."

The 42-year-old actor, who says he has an "appreciation for fashion," returns as womanizing ad man Don Draper when season six premieres April 7 on AMC.

Seeing Mad Men style infiltrate pop culture — from Taylor Swift's mod minidress on the March cover of Elle magazine to Timberlake's ode to old Hollywood glamour with his latest hit, Suit & Tie, is the ultimate compliment for Hamm.

"It's nice that our show has had that sort of serendipitous resonance with fashion," he said. "I think it's great. I think it's really cool."

Jon Hamm
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As for Timberlake, Hamm believes the pop star is "a very fashion-forward kind of guy," although the Grammy winner is guilty of at least one "fashion don't."

"That one unfortunate picture of him in that denim tuxedo excused," Hamm said with a smile, referring to Timberlake's all-denim ensemble at the 2001 American Music Awards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lisa Loeb's seventh album, No Fairy Tale, shows her nostalgic side. GETTY IMAGES

Lisa Loeb has decided to Stay

No Fairy Tale. The singer is happy to wax nostalgic about the 1990s

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With that all-American smile and those sexy secretary glasses, Lisa Loeb still looks like the smart-cute girl who burst onto the music scene almost two decades ago with her hit song Stay (I Missed You). Loeb's winter-released seventh album No Fairy Tale finds her reminiscing on a song called The '90s.

"I'm very nostalgic about the '90s," says Loeb. "Chad Gilbert, who co-produced and instigated this project, wanted me to write [the] song. At first, I was hesitant because I didn't want to write something that was kitschy and cute. Then when I started thinking about it, the '90s was particularly exciting because that's when I started to become successful as a musician."

Loeb also used the song to correct a misconception that pigeonholed her as a solo folky-pop singer-songwriter.

"I decided to write about making my video for Stay," she says. "That kick-started the commercial side of my career, but I didn't get to play with my band. The video was really cool. Ethan Hawke directed it, and Ethan's vision for a one-take video was much stronger than me getting to show everybody my rock band. For years, I always felt I had to prove myself: 'I play with a band, I'm not just a solo singer who walks around my studio apartment. I'm not a folk singer, I'm a lot of other things.'"

No Fairy Tale is very much a collaborative album. Loeb produced it with Gilbert (of New Found Glory), and guests include Tegan and Sara, Hello Goodbye and Morgan Taylor.

Yeah, I missed you

Some might think this is a return to the spotlight, but Loeb has been keeping busy long since the success of Stay.

"I've had radio DJs who are like, 'Well where have you been? You disappeared there,'" she says. "I'm like, 'Actually, I was just in San Francisco playing with my band, and then the year before that I was there for a kids' book festival' — the list goes on and on."

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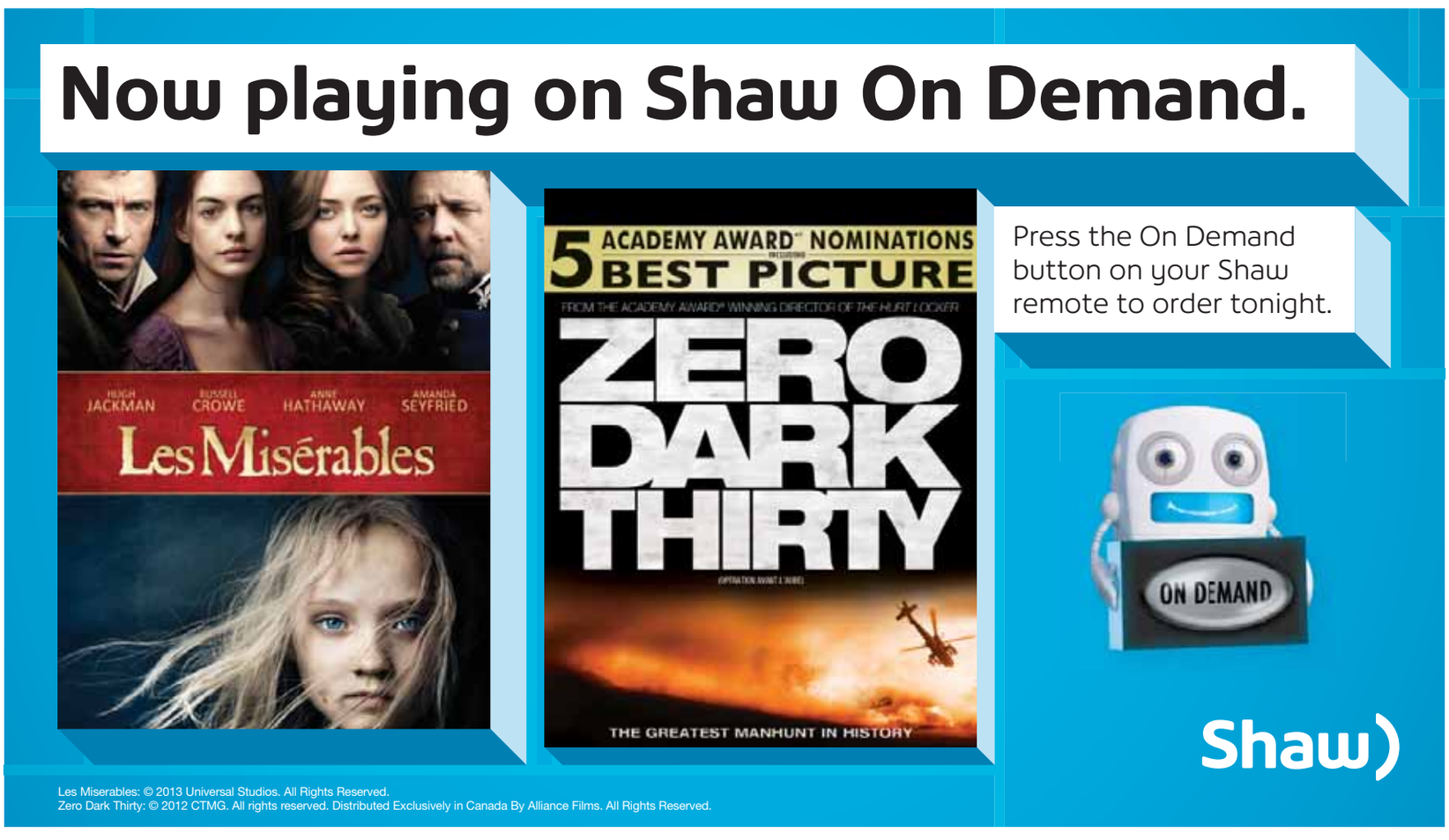

TV Picks

Merlin is coming to an end this Saturday. HANDOUT

The sun going down on Merlin's Camelot empire

It's the two-part series finale of Merlin on Saturday and the troubled titular character must try to save himself as well as Camelot and the man he made a king. (Space)

Fashion Star tries to cover up the imperfections

A Fashion Star hopeful unravels at the seams Friday as the designers are asked to create looks that feature their signature flair and flatter all shapes and sizes.

Mentors on the series that recently launched its second season include Nicole Richie, Jessica Simpson and menswear designer John Varvatos. (NBC)

Stay drunk on your food all week

Ease your weeknight stress by learning how to cook five days' worth of meals in one session with the series Rachael Ray's Week in a Day. Saturday's episode focuses on stews and sauces, with dishes including Drunken Chicken and a mustard and brown sugar BBQ beef sandwich with celery slaw. (Food Network Canada)

Giving a Master Class on overcoming adversity

Singer-songwriter Stevie Nicks opens up about her mother's recent death, her addiction issues and marrying her friend's husband on Oprah's Master Class on Sunday. The rock queen also discusses her music career with partner Lindsey Buckingham and Fleetwood Mac. (OWN)

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How Phil Spector Lost that Lovin' Feelin'

HBO movies.
Al Pacino can't remember the first time he met the music producer, but steps into the role of a man who fell from the spotlight

Helen Mirren, left, and Al Pacino star in the HBO film, Phil Spector, which premieres Sunday.
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Much to his surprise, Al Pacino learned that once upon a time he met the legendary music producer Phil Spector, whom he now plays in a new HBO film.

He had no memory of it, "but somebody showed me a picture of me and him on the Internet," Pacino laughs. "It was at some event or party, and we're both looking into the camera, two guys who do not want to be photographed. Since he had mostly worked behind the scenes, I didn't know who he was, and he looked like he didn't know who I was."

That was then, whenever that was. Now, spurring after-the-fact speculation, this forgotten encounter serves Pacino as a fitting first step into the character he captures for Phil Spector. (It premieres Sunday night)

Written and directed by David Mamet, this penetrating film explores the preparation for Spector's murder defence. As the story begins in 2007, he stands accused of having forced a pistol into the mouth of a woman — his by-chance date for the night — and pulling the trigger.

The difficulties of the case seem beyond the wherewithal of Spector's original attorney (played by Jeffrey Tambor in a robust supporting performance), who has brought in hotshot lawyer Linda Kenney Baden (the splendid Helen Mirren). She takes over as lead attorney and, as the film unfolds, joins Spector in a verbal pas de deux that teems with Mamet's shrewd dialogue.

Photo shy

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Al Pacino
Talking about the time he met Phil Spector

"Why do you have so many guns?" she inquires on her first visit to his sprawling castle home near Los Angeles, where the shooting took place. "I might need one," he replies.

"Why would you need more than one?"

"How many shoes do you have?" he poses. "How many feet?"

Spector is gnomish, unstable and grandiose. "Extraordinary accomplishments," he says, meaning his own, "transform the grateful into an audience — and the envious into a mob."

So he's a problem for his lawyers. He says he didn't kill the girl, but who's going to believe him?

His lawyers know that, in the mind of the modern-day public, he is not the music wizard who created the girl-group sound in the early 1960s, co-wrote You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin' for the Righteous Brothers and produced records for the Ramones and the Beatles. Instead, by 2007, he's generally regarded as a creepy, homicidal has-been who hides out with his dozens of guns and his dozens of outlandish wigs — a pint-sized wacko too big for his britches.

But there are a few inarguable truths about Spector. One is that in 2009, he was convicted of second-degree murder and, at age 68, sentenced to 19 years to life.

Another is that, for record buyers of a certain age, his music reigned as the soundtrack for youthful seduction.

The HBO film acts as an interesting contrast of a man who left the limelight.

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The Walking Dead. Fans will get a satisfying meal in the finale: Mazzara

The Walking Dead has been zombie-shuffling toward an epic showdown for weeks.

And when it finally comes, it'll feature a major shocker for fans, promises departing showrunner Glen Mazzara.

The TV scribe says he approached the current season "as a historical novel" building toward "the first major battle between surviving groups in the aftermath of this zombie apocalypse.

"Everyone's in play now, everyone's on stage, everybody has a stake in it and I think it'll be a very interesting, surprising ending for the fans," Mazzara says in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

"I know it won't be what people will expect but I think hopefully it'll be emotionally satisfying."

The season three finale to The Walking Dead is just two episodes away and is expected to feature a long-awaited face-off between former cop-turned-survivalist Rick Grimes and his gang's villainous rival, the Governor.

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Will the Governor be able to take down Rick and his crew? HANDOUT

Mazzara

Another ending

- **Leaving the show.** The ending also caps Mazzara's brief run as showrunner for the popular AMC drama.

A mother's love: a blessing or a curse?

Bates Motel. The TV prequel to Hitchcock's Psycho centres around Norma Bates's character as viewers watch her try to protect her son from himself

Actress Vera Farmiga shares some motherly advice with her character Norma Bates. AMY SUSSMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vera Farmiga has some advice for Norma Bates, her character in the new series Bates Motel: Honesty is always the best policy.

Honesty — or the lack of it — is a key theme in the 10-episode prequel to the classic Hitchcock film Psycho. The A&E show, which premiered Monday, reveals just what drove Norman Bates (Freddie Highmore) over the edge. In an interview Monday, the Oscar-nominated actress said Norman and his mother, Norma, are "harbouring a dark secret which will unfold as the series continues." Along with the everyday angst most parents experience, Norma "knows something about him that I think makes her hyper-protective," Farmiga said.

Farmiga didn't have a lot to go from to create her character. In Psycho, Norman's mother was a skeletal role. (Although Farmiga did reveal that in an upcoming episode she dons the same hairstyle as Norman's mother from the original film.)

Farmiga, who has two toddlers of her own, said she studied hers and other maternal relationships around her to help her get into character.

She says in her mind Norma is a mother who is trying to be a good influence.

"Yeah, she's insane as any mother goes insane sometimes," Farmiga said.

"It's a very typical portrayal of maternity and its function and dysfunction and its victories and defeats. She doesn't always make the right decisions."

Anyone who has seen Psycho knows none of this ends well.

While Farmiga acknowledges that the characters are doomed, she says Bates Motel wants the audience to root for them, "to hope against hope that maybe things turn out differently."

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Mommy dearest

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Vera Farmiga
Speaking about her character Norma Bates

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Monsters and horror have been part of our culture since the dawn of time, through our shared mythologies, faiths and even more terrifyingly, in real life.

Straddling the line between the supernatural and grim reality is the character of Dr. Hannibal Lecter, writer Thomas Harris' malevolent intellectual anti-hero, star of four books and five blockbuster films, essayed first by Brian Cox (in Manhunter) and later by Oscar winning icon Anthony Hopkins (in Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal and Red Dragon).

Now, Hannibal, the television series, the brainchild of beloved writer Bryan Fuller (Heroes) and producer Martha DeLaurentiis (widow of the late mogul Dino DeLaurentiis), plays out as a prequel to the events in Harris' Red Dragon. FBI profiler Will Graham (Hugh Dancy) is assigned by bureau chief Jack Crawford (Laurence Fishburne) to seek council with the brilliant Dr. Lecter (Danish superstar Mads Mikkelsen) a respected psychotherapist. Each week the trio become closer, teaming up to stop a cavalcade of serial killers. Of course, no one knows that Lecter is in fact the most deranged of them all.

"That's the thing we have to be most careful with," Fishburne, whose extensive credits include films like Just Cause, Deep Cover and The Matrix trilogy, told us on set in Toronto.

"I'm not supposed to know. Nobody's supposed to know. The audience knows so it allows them to play along. The tension comes in waiting for me and Will to catch up. I have no reason to suspect Hannibal ... after all, I hired him."

Mikkelsen's Hannibal is a radically different beast than previous screen incarnations. His cards are hidden, yes, but as personified by the iconic Danish actor, he's leaner, more sensual and more mysterious. A true wolf in sheep's clothing, who uses his refined veneer to worm his way into many lives.

"This is a universe we've created," Mikkelsen says.

"The audience knows he's a killer and you might think, 'C'mon guys, its right there in a three piece suit. He even has the funny accent!' He has Jack Crawford sitting here, at his dining room table and that's his game, all the clues as to who he is are right there. It amuses him. Hopefully there's something interesting and charming in him though and I'm trying to make him likeable, though he is most certainly a monster."

Hannibal will debut on City on April 4. HANDOUT

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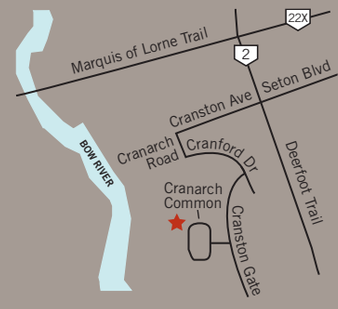

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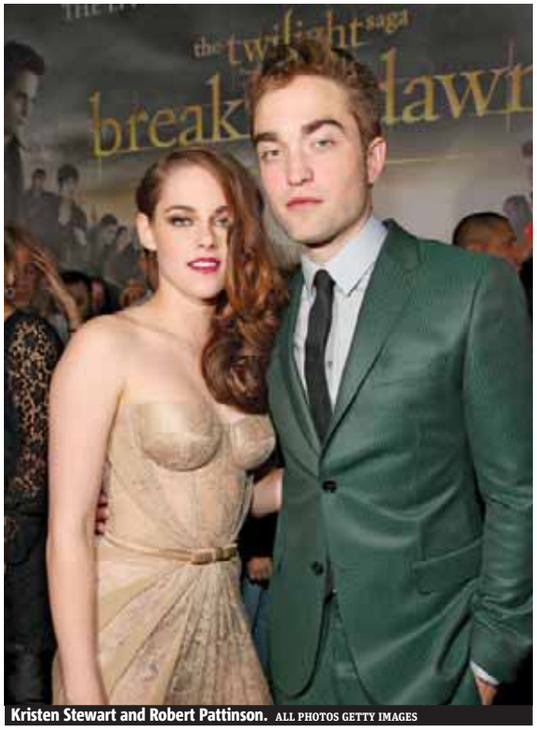

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It's still on: Pattinson reunites with Stewart after filming in Australia

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson are reunited after his latest stint filming in Australia, and the couple reportedly celebrated by hitting up their favourite local dive bar, L.A.'s Ye Rustic Inn, according to E! News. "They seemed really happy to be with each other. Rob and Kristen were having so much fun together," a source says. "They sat in the back of the bar in a booth and were laughing. At one point, they were standing at the bar and were just being normal, as any boyfriend and girlfriend would be with each other. They were touchy-feely. She was holding on to his jacket and had her hand on his back. They were just being cute."

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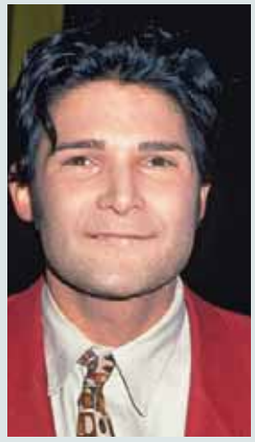

Is Feldman moonlighting as a sperm donor?

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Earlier this week, I wrote about the Jackson family's wrongful death lawsuit against AEG Live for $40 billion and how the entertainment giant wants to get the paternity of Jackson's children entered into court proceedings.

The Jackson family are fighting this, calling into question who actually is the father of Blanket, Paris and Prince Jackson.

And upon further reflection (and Googling), I am pretty confident that the father of Prince Jackson is none other than Corey Feldman. These pictures don't lie, friends.

Can someone call Maury Povich?

John John Florence

Watch out, John John ... Taylor Swift has her eye on you

Taylor Swift has reportedly set her sights on 20-year-old pro surfer John John Florence, according to Life & Style, though their budding relationship is still mostly on a telecommunications level. "He and Taylor have been text messaging," a source says. "Apparently she contacted him. I don't think they have hung out yet. They've just been chatting. John John doesn't want to ruin things, so he's being careful not to say too much."

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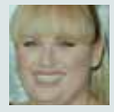

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Depending on where you are in this great country, the weather may look more like a winter wonderland than spring. Somebody forgot to tell Mother Nature that we had a change of season this week.

While I hate pigeonholing certain wines to particular seasons, fresh, floral whites really do come across like spring in a glass. It doesn't hurt that they pair well with the bright, fresh food fare that tends to get served this time of year.

Wines made with the riesling, gewürztraminer and viognier grapes lead the charge when it comes to whites with plush fruit flavours and aromatics.

Viognier in particular is one of my favourites. Originating in France, it's grown worldwide, always packing its classic tropical depth and subtle pepperiness that pair so well with lighter meats (like pork) and fruit-accented sauces (especially those with a citrusy influence).

Cono Sur's 2011 Bicicleta Viognier ($9.95 - $11.99) from Chile is a budget friendly version with soft lime and lemon accents and just a wink to the grape's spicy persona.

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A fine balance of cherries and coffee

Cherry-Topped Coffee-Roasted Pork Tenderloin. This combination of fresh flavours is ideal to serve during spring

This recipe makes 36 appetizers. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coffee is becoming a favourite ingredient when roasting meat.

It's an effortless way to add gobs of flavour to your meal. All you do is add whole coffee beans to whatever spice blend you are using as a wet or dry rub, then grind it to a powder and apply to the meat. The coffee provides deep, rich flavours with a hint of acid.

The seasonings can be applied to the meat right before roasting. But if you have time, the flavour is even better if you rub the spices on the meat, then refrigerate it for several hours.

If you're looking for a simple and speedy dinner, make the roasted pork tenderloin in this recipe and serve it as is with a side salad. For something party-worthy, slice it, slap it on rounds of baguette, then top with a dollop of cherry jam.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp coffee beans
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp whole peppercorns
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3 lbs pork tenderloins
- 1 baguette, thinly sliced into 36 rounds
- Olive oil
- 10-oz jar cherry jam

1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and coat with cooking spray.

2. In a spice grinder, combine the coffee beans, garlic powder, fennel seeds, paprika, peppercorns and salt. Grind until the beans and seeds are finely ground. Rub the spice-coffee blend evenly and liberally over the tenderloins. Set the tenderloins on the prepared baking sheet, then roast for 20 minutes, or until they reach 145 F at the centre. Remove from the oven and let rest for 5 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, brush the baguette slices with olive oil, then arrange on a baking sheet and toast for 2 minutes, or until just barely browned.

4. When the pork is ready, cut it into thin slices. To serve, place one slice of pork on each piece of baguette, then top with a small dollop of jam.

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The funk hunters

Two of Vancouver's finest funkateers are bringing their Ghetto Funk electronic act to our fair city this weekend. Dunks & The Outlier have headlined major music festivals, including Shambhala and Bass Coast. Catch the duo's DJ set and audio-visual show at Ten Nightclub this Friday before they take their mash-ups and remixes to The Central in Fernie on Saturday night. Ten Nightclub is located at 1140-10 Ave. SW; The Central is at 301-2nd Ave.

Friday night at Loose Moose

The late shows at the Loose Moose are just that — a little more loose. The forbidden improv techniques that regular shows don't include will be on display in their Chop Shop show this Friday at 10:30 p.m. The Loose Moose performers are looking for laughs as they entertain you with team-on-team improv battles, music, sketch comedy, puppetry, robotics and more. Pay what you think the show is worth. It's located next to the Crossroads Market, 1235-26 Ave. SE. For more, visit loosemoose.com.

On-trend fusion: Anju restaurant

Anju, with its modern Korean fare, continues to be one of Calgary's top restaurants. On-trend Asian fusion is their game, from the kimchi lettuce wrap to Soju shots. The salmon tacos are delish and don't miss the ox tail tortellini, their Asian spin on an Italian classic — you won't be disappointed. Follow the servers' recommended favourites and take advantage that they're open late on weekends. Anju is located at 507-10 St. SW. Call 403-532-9419 for reservations.

Moving Images and Sound Collective Festival

Illingworth Kerr Gallery and Alberta College of Art + Design are presenting a program of films and speakers investigating the creative process at the Glenbow Museum. Follow the creative path of emerging artists throughout the weekend with films starting at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free, but get there early as it's on a first come, first served basis. The ConocoPhillips Theatre Glenbow Museum is located at 130-9 Ave. SE.

Playing: Born Ruffians

Born Ruffians, the Canadian indie rock band from Toronto, will be rocking out at the Palomino this Friday. Make sure you see the post-punk revival group as they start out their tour, which has them crisscrossing North America through the end of May. Grab some BBQ upstairs before heading down to check out the band, which has toured with the likes of Hot Chip and Franz Ferdinand. Their new album Birthmarks comes out in April. The Palomino is located at 109-7th Ave. SW.

Pay tribute to Stompin' Tom

Calgary's own Matt Masters pays tribute to Stompin' Tom Connors at the Oak Tree Tavern in Kensington on Saturday night. Be sure to bring your friends for this foot-tapping evening. Masters' country and western with a contemporary edge will highlight Canada's late great country and folk songwriter. Wait for Masters' takes on the iconic The Hockey Song and Sudbury Saturday Night over an order of the Tavern Nachos, located at 124-10 St. NW.

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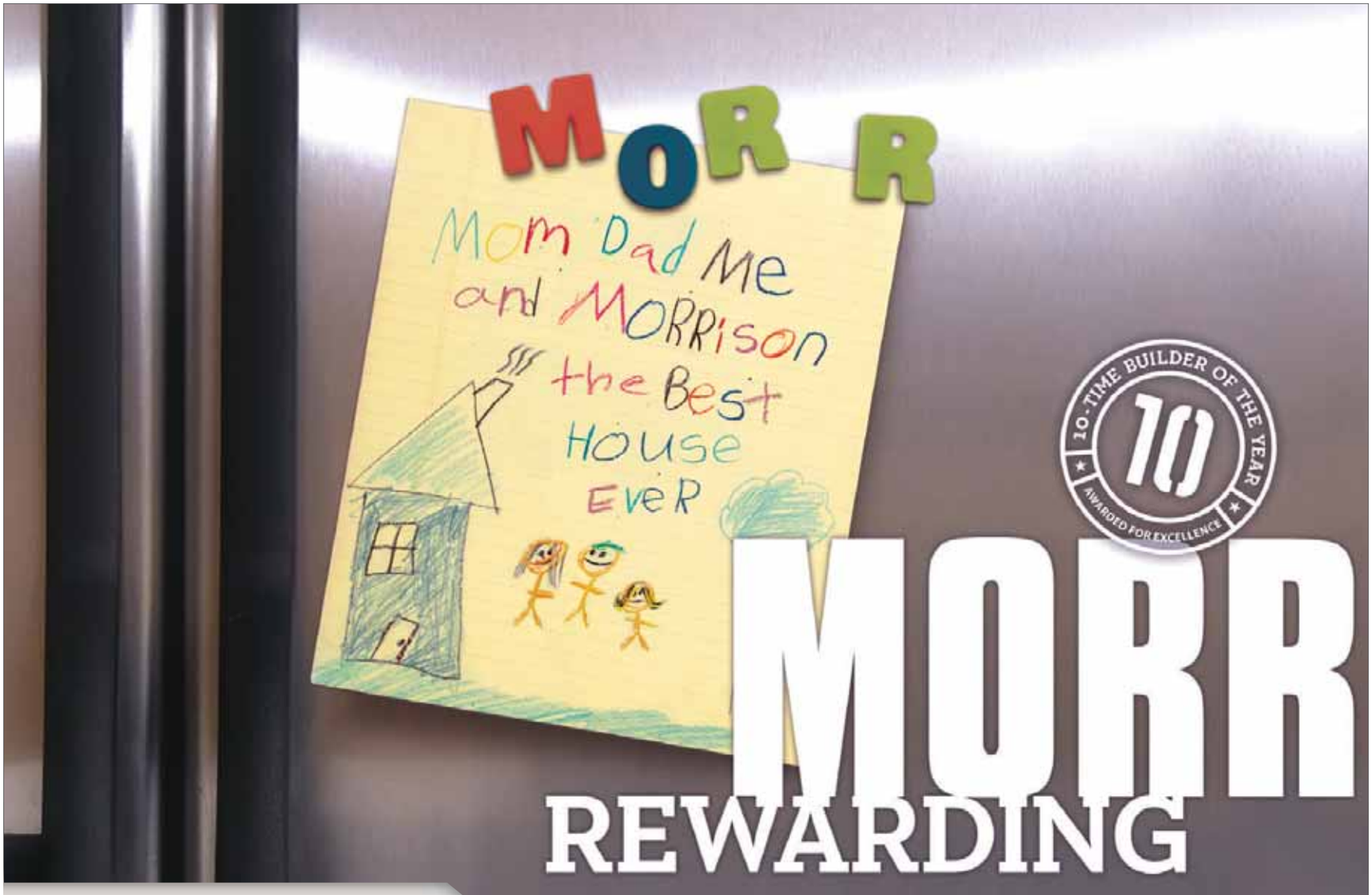

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CFL

Television deal reportedly worth more than $30M

A significant television deal with TSN/RDS bodes well for the CFL's future, commissioner Mark Cohon said Thursday.

The five-year deal is worth "significantly" more than $30 million a season, according to a source.

That's chump change compared with the television contracts held by the NFL, the NHL and other major sports. But the new CFL deal reportedly is worth more than double the existing $15-million broadcasting package that runs through the end of the 2013 season.

Cohon wouldn't confirm the dollar amount except to say it was a "transformative deal" that would have a major impact on the economic stability of the league and its teams.

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NHL

Brodeur doesn't shoot, still scores

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur was credited with his third NHL goal when Carolina's Jordan Staal accidently put the puck in his own empty net.

With a delayed penalty call pending against New Jersey's Marek Zidlicky, Staal passed the puck back to the point from behind the net but missed intended target Tim Gleason and the puck bounced off the boards near centre ice and eventually into the net.

Brodeur got credit for the goal because he was the last Devils player to touch the puck. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nashville Predators forward Brandon Yip collides with Calgary Flames goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff while a shot from Nick Spaling goes into the net during Thursday's game in Nashville, Tenn. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flames upended in Music City

NHL. Preds score four unanswered goals as Calgary drops its eighth straight road game

Mike Fisher scored two goals and the Nashville Predators beat the Calgary Flames 5-3 on Thursday night to snap a four-game losing streak..

Martin Erat, Nick Spaling, and Brandon Yip had the other goals for the Predators, and Pekka Rinne made 19 saves.

Mark Giordano, Blake Comeau and Jarome Iginla scored for the Flames, who have dropped eight consecutive road games.

The Predators grabbed control with four consecutive goals beginning late in the first period and carrying over to the third.

Fisher converted a nice feed from Erat to tie it at 2 in the first, then put Nashville in front at 13:24 of the middle period. Carrying the puck down the right side, Roman Josi sent a pass to Fisher on the left side, and he beat Miikka Kiprusoff for his ninth of the season.

Just a minute later, Spaling deflected a slap shot from defenceman Victor Bartley by Kiprusoff for his sixth on the season. The assist was Bartley's first NHL point.

Yip provided another insurance goal at 15:54 of the third, and Iginla scored a power-play goal with one minute left.

Giordano got Calgary off to a nice start with a short-handed goal at 5:01 of the opening period. Lee Stempniak forced a turnover by Josi before finding Giordano above the left circle, where he fired a one-timer by Rinne.

Erat responded with a power-play goal at 11:36 when he redirected Josi's slap shot from the blue-line by Kiprusoff, who finished with 18 saves.

Calgary came up with another short-handed goal when Giordano made a nice pass from the left faceoff dot to Comeau, who tipped the puck past at 13:05.

Calgary defenceman Jay Bouwmeester recorded an assist for his 300th career NHL point. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

Predators	Flames
5	3

4 SPORTS

Curling. Homan on a roll heading into Page playoffs

A mediocre start nearly derailed Rachel Homan's rink at the world women's curling championship.

The Canadian team stuck together early on as they battled nerves, a tough field and some challenging conditions in Riga, Latvia. The result is a solid third-place finish in the round-robin standings and a four-game winning streak heading into the Page playoff 3-4 matchup.

"They're all feeling very comfortable, calm, focused and confident," said Canadian coach Earle Morris. "Those are the kind of feelings you hope your team has when you're going into the playoffs."

Entering play Thursday, Homan controlled her own playoff destiny but was still flirting with the cutline. She beat China's Bingyu Wang 7-4 in the morning and locked up the third seed with an 8-4 win over Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa in the afternoon.

Canada's next game is Saturday afternoon. Russia and Switzerland will play a tiebreaker Friday morning with the winner to face the United States in the second tiebreaker with the fourth seed on the line.

Scotland and Sweden finished 10-1 and will meet in the Page playoff 1-2 game Friday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's skip Rachel Homan delivers a stone against China in Riga, Latvia, on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

History of excellence

Canada leads all countries with 29 podium appearances and 15 gold medals in the tournament's 34-year history.

Canucks help Bulldogs avoid colossal upset

March Madness. Gonzaga struggles early, but pulls out win in final minutes

Still don't think Gonzaga deserved that No. 1 seed? There might be a few more doubters now.

Entering the NCAA tournament top-seeded and top-ranked for the first time in program history, the Zags nearly made another kind of history Thursday — coming only a few minutes and a rimmed-out shot or two from becoming the first 1 to lose to a 16.

Gonzaga prevailed 64-58 over Southern University in a game that wasn't safely in hand until the final buzzer sounded. No. 1 seeds improved to 113-0 since the field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

Kelly Olynyk of Kamloops, B.C., led the Zags (32-2) with 21 points, though it was a pair of three-pointers — one by Gary Bell Jr., the next by Kevin Pangos — that gave Gonzaga its small cushion after Southern (23-10) tied things 56-56 with 3:45 left.

Bell's three made it 59-56 after Derick Beltran hit a 14-footer on the baseline to close out a 15-4 Southern run and tie the game.

Beltran hit two free throws to cut the deficit to one, but Gonzaga responded by working the ball to Pangos, of Newmarket, Ont., whose three made it a four-point game.

Pangos (16 points) made two free throws with 14.3 seconds left to seal the deal. But when Zags coach Mark Few shook hands with his counterpart, Roman Banks, at midcourt, it was hard to tell who won; Banks looked like he was doing the consoling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kamloops, B.C., native Kelly Olynyk of the Gonzaga Bulldogs pushes past Javan Mitchell of the Southern University Jaguars during action in the 2013 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday. Gonzaga won 64-58. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Canadian talent

7-foot centre falls short

Saint Louis had no problem manoeuvring around seven-foot-five Toronto freshman Sim Bhullar and New Mexico State. Dwayne Evans shot 11 of 16 from the floor to propel Saint Louis around, over and even through the 355-pound Bhullar, who struggled to keep pace. Saint Louis won 64-44 to advance.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	53	14	.791	—
d-Indiana	42	26	.618	11½
d-New York	40	26	.606	12½
Brooklyn	40	28	.588	13½
Atlanta	38	30	.559	15½
Chicago	36	31	.537	17
Boston	36	31	.537	17
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	19
Philadelphia	26	42	.382	27½
Toronto	**26**	**42**	**.382**	**27½**
Washington	24	43	.358	29
Detroit	23	46	.333	31
Cleveland	22	46	.324	31½
Orlando	18	51	.261	36
Charlotte	16	52	.235	37½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	52	16	.765	—
d-Oklahoma City	50	19	.725	2½
d-Memphis	46	21	.687	5½
Denver	48	22	.686	5
L.A. Clippers	47	22	.681	5½
Golden State	39	31	.557	14
Houston	37	31	.544	15
L.A. Lakers	36	33	.522	16½
Utah	34	34	.500	18
Dallas	32	36	.471	20
Portland	32	36	.471	20
Minnesota	23	42	.354	27½
Sacramento	24	44	.353	28
New Orleans	23	46	.333	29½
Phoenix	23	46	.333	29½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Portland 99 Chicago 89
Denver 101 Philadelphia 100
Minnesota at Sacramento

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	31	23	8	0	110	81	46
New Jersey	31	14	11	6	78	85	34
NY Rangers	30	15	13	2	71	73	32
NY Islanders	30	13	14	3	88	101	29
Philadelphia	30	13	16	1	81	92	27

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	30	20	5	5	97	75	45
Boston	29	20	6	3	84	61	43
Ottawa	31	16	9	6	78	67	38
Toronto	31	16	12	3	94	90	35
Buffalo	31	12	15	4	84	99	28

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Winnipeg	31	16	13	2	80	90	34
Carolina	30	15	13	2	85	86	32
Tampa Bay	30	13	16	1	98	90	27
Washington	30	13	16	1	83	87	27
Florida	31	9	16	6	77	111	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	30	24	3	3	102	66	51
St. Louis	29	16	11	2	87	83	34
Detroit	30	14	11	5	80	79	33
Columbus	30	12	12	6	68	79	30
Nashville	31	12	13	6	75	84	30

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	29	17	10	2	77	71	36
Vancouver	29	14	9	6	81	82	34
Edmonton	29	11	11	7	72	85	29
Calgary	28	11	13	4	81	96	26
Colorado	29	11	14	4	75	92	26

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	29	22	3	4	99	71	48
Los Angeles	29	17	10	2	88	73	36
San Jose	29	13	10	6	71	77	32
Phoenix	30	13	13	4	79	85	30
Dallas	29	13	13	3	76	88	29

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 3 NY Rangers 1
Montreal 5 NY Islanders 2
New Jersey 4 Carolina 1
Buffalo 5 Toronto 4 (SO)
Boston 2 Ottawa 1
Nashville 5 Calgary 3
Washington 4 Winnipeg 0
Vancouver at Phoenix
Dallas at Los Angeles

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 4 Detroit 2
Colorado 4 Dallas 3
San Jose 4 Edmonton 3 (SO)
Anaheim 4 Chicago 2

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

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PGA

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First Round

Justin Rose	32-33—65
John Huh	36-31—67
John Rollins	34-34—68
Brad Fritsch	**32-36—68**
Charley Hoffman	36-33—69
Ryo Ishikawa	35-34—69
Tiger Woods	34-35—69
Nick Watney	35-34—69
Sean O'Hair	33-36—69
Thorbjorn Olesen	35-34—69
Bill Haas	32-37—69
Jimmy Walker	35-34—69
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	35-34—69
Ben Kohles	37-32—69
Gary Woodland	35-35—70
Geoff Ogilvy	37-33—70
Ken Duke	35-35—70
Tag Ridings	35-35—70
Zach Johnson	35-35—70
Ben Crane	36-34—70
Stewart Cink	35-35—70
Also:	
David Hearn	**40-35—75**
Graham DeLaet	**39-37—76**
Mike Weir	**40-36—76**

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not think of yourself as a peacemaker but you will certainly be the one who calms things down today. Maybe it's because you believe in justice, but you will do your utmost to negotiate a truce.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you are convinced that what you are doing is right then what others think or say about it is irrelevant. Since when have you been the type to ask other people for permission?

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No one lives in isolation and what takes place over the next few hours will confirm that in a rather nice way. Just when you thought you were struggling all on your own, you discover you have genuine friends.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone in authority will look favourably on you today and you must take advantage of it. If you can, work your way into a position where you can showcase your many talents. That "someone in authority" could soon be you.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Everything looks right with your world at the moment and with Venus moving in your favour today, whatever you do will work out just fine. That is if you can be bothered to make an effort.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because you have been proved right, you may find it hard to be modest today but try not to be too self-congratulatory. If you boast too loudly, someone may try to burst your bubble.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you maintain a positive attitude over the next 24 hours, there is a real chance that at least one of your fantasies will become a reality. Let's hope your heart is in good condition. The shock could be too much!

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some of your friends may not have been supportive of late but that does not mean they are turning against you. On the contrary, they are still very much on your side, it's just that they've been too busy to help.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
With Venus joining the Sun in your fellow Fire sign of Aries today, you are flavour of the month. In your life and at work be the best you can be, and the world will love you for it.

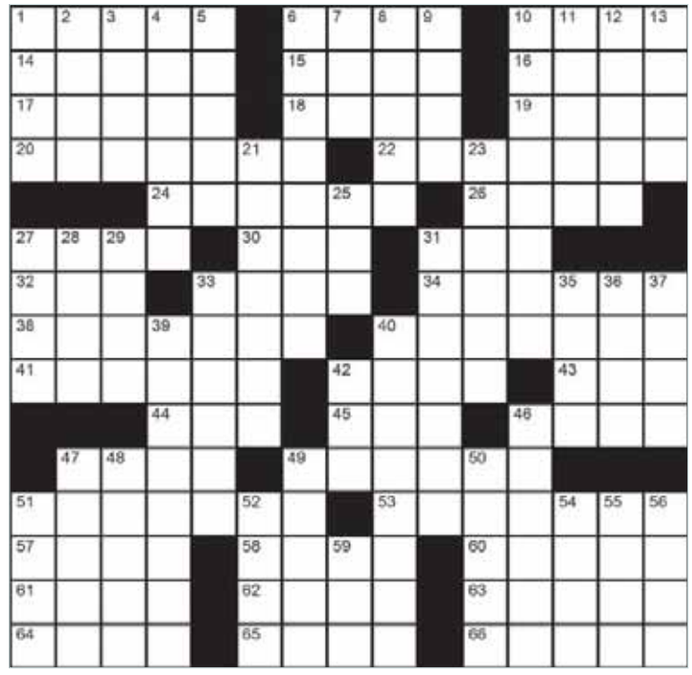
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't be afraid to tell others what you think today, but wrap it up in a thick layer of sugar coating. They will appreciatet that you avoided hurting their feelings.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
According to the planets, you are reluctant to get too involved in a situation that you fear could be emotionally traumatic. You are right to keep your distance but don't cut yourself off altogether. Be available if a crisis occurs.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Venus, planet of emotional and material values, leaves your birth sign today, but that is not a cause for despair. In fact, it could have very good results financially. Replenish your bank account. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

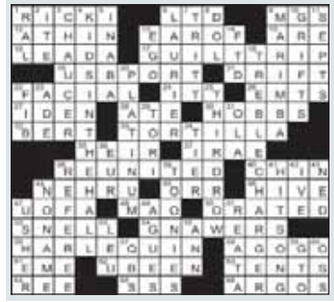
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Straighten
6. __ of St. Lawrence
10. Berth
14. Inner circle
15. Bob Dylan's "The Times They __-_ Changin'"
16. Proactiv target
17. Sag
18. Safari sound!
19. 'Twilight' movies actress Nikki
20. Bow River city
22. Hedley singer, Jacob __
24. With pleasure
26. Grandmothers, to some
27. Small horse
30. Icky-__ (Yucky)
31. Distant
32. Philippines volcano, Mount __
33. Hearty meal
34. Antarctica volcano, Mount __
38. Pamela Wallin or Mike Duffy
40. "The __ Falcon" (1941)
41. Sports star, often
42. Taverns
43. Can
44. Home base, for short
45. London, __.
46. Music duo, __ Punk
47. Casually trendy student, nicknamed
49. Kevin of CBC's "Dragons' Den"
51. Canadian classic show, "Mr. __"
53. Toronto-born singer/songwriter Ms. Myles
57. Brewer's kiln
58. Book genre, for short
60. Singer, Frankie __
61. Comical dog
62. "Take a Chance __" by ABBA: 2 wds.
63. Be a ham on stage
64. Horse's hair
65. Burn slightly in cooking
66. "It's __ __ Never" by Elvis Presley

Down
1. "Back in Black" rockers
2. "__ Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001)
3. "American __"
4. Dazed
5. Mountainous land
6. Canada's Ambassador to the United States: 2 wds.
7. Prefix that means 'Tail'
8. Band from Lakefield, Ontario
9. Gambling card game
10. Justin Trudeau's mom
11. Arctic, for one
12. Niners - Eighters = __
13. Mr. Foxx of '70s TV
21. Toronto's basketball team
23. "Crazy" by __ Barkley
25. Down
27. Go through
28. International oil gr.
29. Faux pas
31. "A Good Heart" by __ Sharkey
33. Prepares tea
35. Test version, as per software
36. '60s song: "Catch __ __ You Can"
37. E-Mailed
39. One getting the handcuffs
40. Nelly Furtado song
42. "The Fresh Prince of __-Air"
46. Go-getter
47. "The Devil Wears __" (2006)
48. Pine tree stuff
49. Offer one's point of view
50. Character in Haida mythology
51. Gloom's partner
52. ET-piloted crafts
54. Sugar substitute, Sweet'_ __
55. Opera voice
56. Yesterday: French
59. Nashville music trophy, for short

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

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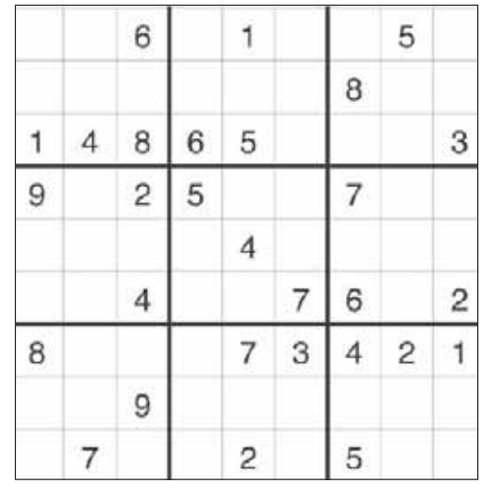

Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	4	3	2	7	1	5	9	8
7	8	2	5	9	3	6	1	4
8	2	1	7	3	9	4	5	6
5	6	9	4	8	2	1	3	7
3	7	4	1	5	6	8	2	9
2	1	7	8	6	5	9	4	3
9	5	8	3	2	4	7	6	1
4	3	6	9	1	7	2	8	5

Weather

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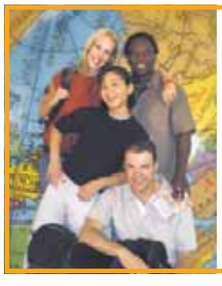

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